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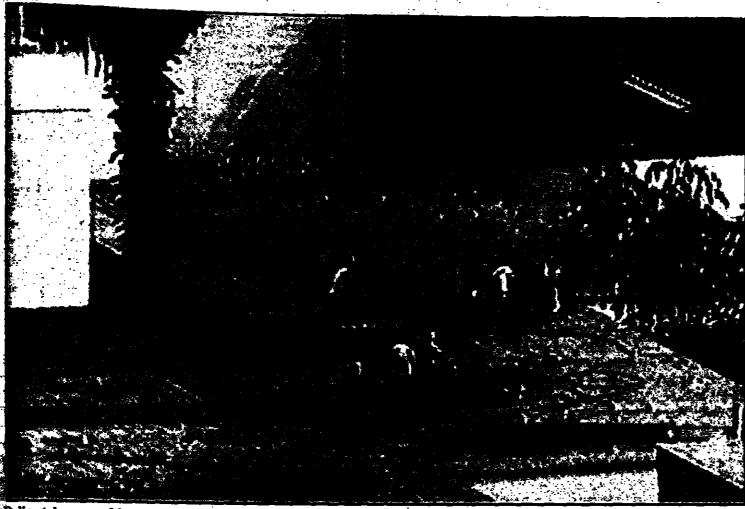
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Police take up positions atop one of the buildings in the compound of the Japanese ambassador's residence in Lima, Peru, where andreds of people were taken hostage by rebels yesterday.

# Rebels threaten to kill Peru hostages

LIMA, Peru (AP) - Rebels who took hundreds of diplomats, business leaders and other top officials hostage at a glittering reception threatened late last night to kill the captives one by one, beginning in the afternoon with Peru's for-

"If in 20 minutes we do not have an answer (to demands) we will begin to take our first victim and the first victim will be Foreign Minister Peru's Channel Two television by telephone.
"We can't wait any longer," Comandante

Emilio Huerras said in an emotionless voice. The threat was made at 19:00 Israel time, making the deadline 19:20. Nearly two hours later, there was no sign of any shootings - but four more hostages had been set free.

Huertas also demanded that President Alberto

Fujimori speak with the two dozen guerrillas from the Tupac Amaru movement who sneaked into the Japanese ambassador's residence by posing as waiters, carrying hors d'oenvres and bottles of champagne.

They attacked as the party began Tuesday night, setting off explosions and exchanging gunfire with police for almost an hour. Two hostages and a rebel were reported wounded.
"We want to speak with Fujimori, We wan

the freedom of 300 fighters who are in prison," he said. He said his men had mined the grounds around the ambassador's residence.

The rebels said they were holding 490 people - a figure higher than reported by officials after releasing about 170 people early in the

Most of those freed were women, including

Fujimori's mother and sister, although four men were released yesterday afternoon. It wasn't clear whether they were included in the count

Among the hostages were at least a dozen ambassadors from countries including Japan, Canada, Brazil, Cuba, South Korea, Germany, Austria and Venezuela. Pern's foreign and agriculture ministers, six legislators, the president including four aid workers, and dozens of Japanese business people also were inside. US Ambassador Dennis Jett left the reception about a half-hour before the assault.

In Washington, the State Department condemned the hostage-taking and called for the arrest and prosecution of the perpetrators.

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# Lack of trust, not details, block Hebron deal

A HEBRON pullback deal is being blocked due to the lack of trust between Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat regarding Hebron's aftermath, and it has little to do with the remaining particulars of the deal itself, a US official said last night.

Meanwhile, Netanyahu's communication director David Bar-Illan indicated last night that be does not foresee any expansion of settlements that would enlarge the existing perimeter around any individual settlement and, therefore, Israel should not be accused of trying to add land to preempt negotiations on the final disposition of the territories.

He told The Jerusalem Post, When we say settlement expansion, this is being misunderstood. I don't see us adding any more land mass to existing settlements in the territories. I hope we could add more families, but they would be living in the same amount of land." He said Palestinians need not be worried.

It should be noted Israel has often geographically defined settlements as including those areas which has already been approved for zoning by the authorities in years past, but remain undevel-

The US official indicated a summit between Netanyahu an Arafat would probably not be fruitful unless several conceptual issues of trust are resolved first.

Specifically, he said, "First, Arafat fears that once there is a Hebron deal, Netanyahu wili sion. This would put the US in a not only for propaganda."

very difficult situation. Second, Netanyahu fears that Arafat will not be genuine in com-batting terrorism. Third, Arafat is concerned that Israel is not gen-uine in implementing [the] Oslo [II accord] beyond Hebron."

The US official continued, "We need an avoidance of settlement activity, an avoidance of terrorism and maintenance of security, and a commitment to invigorate the peace process after Hebron by implementing Oslo."

The US official defended President Bill Clinton's criticism of settlement policy. "This president has avoided making settlements the issue for more than four years. He criticized George Bush for the way he handled the issue. When Bill Clinton starts expressing his real concern, he is attempting to send a signal to the government of Israel that its house is on

An official in the Prime Minister's Office said yesterday, We should change the channel on the settlement issue. We don't gain by this issue being talked about all the time, We should place our focus on security where are concerns are better understood."

It should be noted that the Palestinians have yet to formally insist that halting settlement expansion be linked to a Hebron deal. Israel has insisted that expansion of existing settlements is not counter to a Hebron deal.

When asked in Vienna yesterday if he planned to meet Netanyahu, Arafat said. "I'm not against any

Speaking at a news conference in Vienna after meeting Austrian Foreign Minister Wolfgang Schuessel, Arafat said, "I'm looking to have a constructive meeting to implement accurately and honestly what had been signed and what had been agreed upon in the White House under the supervi-

sion of President Clinton," he said. Meanwhile, the flap over alleged remarks made by Bar-Illan - in reaction to Clinton's comment that settlements are an "obstacle" to peace - has faded. Bar-Illan made clear that he considered the issue over since he never said, as a reporter at a State Department characterized him as saying, that Clinton's words were a "semantic pose," since he used the term "minor semantic escalation," which the US should not view as insulting, and noted that he called State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns to clarify the mat-

Burns, who rapped Bar-Illan the day before, did not issue his own clarification yesterday, as some US officials thought Israel was still shrugging off Clinton's com-

While noting that Israel has its own policy on settlements, Bar-Illan sought to emphasize that Clinton's comments were important and should not be minimized.

The issue of settlement activity is expected to figure highly in Foreign Minister David Levy's trip to Amman today. At a joint news conference in Amman yesterday with Tunisian Prime Minister Hamed Karoui, Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul-(Continued on Page 9)

# UFO conference

JUST in case you're wondering what happened to Uri Geller, he's alive and well and, at the age of

50, he can still bend spoons. Israel's most famous ESP practitioner, whose birthday is next week, was the main attraction at a press conference at the Jerusalem Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Hotel this week to announce a conference on UPOs this weekend.

All 500 places at the conference, which will be held in Eilat, are sold out, according to organizer Carlos Ben Nun, and he is presently seeking a larger venue to accommodate another 200 wouldbe participants.

Looking extremely fit for his age, with a shock of pitch black hair, Geller wore a T-shirt bearing the logo of Encounters, a magazine he now publishes. A current issue features an apparent giant face carved out of the mountains of Mars, a photograph which, the magazine says, NASA tried to

suppress.
He told of his own experiences with UFOs, starting at the age of four, when he heard a terrific noise and found himself facing a burning ball from which a ray came out and pierced him. It was after this, he said, that he began to discern

es own powers. His public life began after he was discharged from the paratroopers in 1968 and he began to appear at parties. His career took a giant leap, he said, when he met

#### **Five Hamas** suspects caught

FIVE members of a Hamas gang believed on its way to carry out an attack in Israel were arrested by a Border Police undercover

squad last night.
The five, residents of the Bethlehem region, were arrested in the area, thanks to cooperation between the General Security Service and the Border

Golda Meir and demonstrated his powers of ESP to her. When, afterwards, reporters asked her about the future of the state, she responded that they should ask Uri

However, he explained, since his powers are real, and not a trick, he could not improve on them, and he found his audiences decreasing to the point where he was appearing in small night clubs in Ramle and Lod. It was then that he took up an offer to come to the US to engage in research with the CIA.

These days, Geller said, he is a millionaire, with money earned by locating deposits of precious met-

"Someone convinced me that there was more money to be made in finding metal man in bending it," he said.

Asked if he could help create a better feeling between Prime Minister Binyamin Netsnyahu and Palestinian Anthority Chairman Yasser Arafat, Geller said he could, but the request to do so would have to be a formal one from the prime minister.

He also tells that someone had asked him to help locate the missing Israeli navigator, Ron Arad. but that his part was leaked to the press and some member of the family suspected that Geller had wanted to publicize himself.

# Uri Geller opens B'Tselem: Israel stripsearching Palestinian

JON IMMANUEL

OVER the past three weeks, security forces in Hebron have subjected 15 women to full strip searches, sometimes in front of their children, in what appears to be intentional humiliation of the women and their families, the B'Tselem humanrights organization reported yester-

The searches, ostensibly for weapons, took place between November 27 and December 11 and the women concerned were aged 20 to 69. In two cases, a male policeman was present during the strip search. This is B'Tselem's second report on the subject, prompted by the continuation of the searches.

The IDF, which would normally be involved in searching for weapons in Hebron, said only police were involved, although at least one witness said the security forces were IDF uniforms. The IDF, which used to sometimes order strip searches of women at Allenby Bridge, stopped the practice more than four years ago and now uses electronic equipment to search for weapons.

The police response to the B'Tselem report cited "several instances of searches of Palestinian homes in Hebron which involved police officers and security forces who used force and caused damage," but did not comment on the

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women in Hebron

strip searches. Judea and Samaria police spokesman Boaz Goldberg described the earlier report as "lies."

"During the intifada, a harsher period than now, I don't remember anything like this," said fieldworker Mazen Dandis.

B'Tselem maintained that the whole purpose of the searches could only be purposeful humiliation since in all the searches only one man was strip-searched.

#### Rajoub: Israel can forget about asking PA to extradite PFLP killers JON IMMANUEL

THE two Palestinian terrorists who killed two Israelis in the drive-by shooting near Beit El last week were sentenced to life imprisonment in a Palestinian security court last night, and their driver got 15 years, Preventive Security chief Col. Jibril Rajoub said.

Palestinian security forces yesterday arrested the driver, the third and last member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine cell which shot dead Etta Tzur and her son Ephraim last Wednesday. The killers, identified last night as Abdel Nasser Qaysi and Ibrahim Kam, were arrested last week. They were convicted of "betraying the security

of the Palestinian people." The driver, Ibrahim Hani, was found with the weapons used in the attack, according to Palestinian sources. Rajoub met with OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan in Jerusalem to brief him on and HERB KEINON

the arrests as the trial got under way Rajoub said that any request for extradition "is a dream and won't happen. You can forget it."

In addition to the three-member cell, several PFLP supporters who helped the killers were also arrested. They helped lead Rajoub's force to the killers.

The Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group accused the police of using torture to extract information from PFLP members who were arrested.

Meanwhile, Yoel Tzur, whose , wife and son were killed in the terror attack, yesterday led a group of residents from the settlement's cemetery to a nearby hill where they erected a makeshift memorial and pledged it would be the corner-

On top of Har Artis, which overlooks the cemetery. Tzur said: "This small act will bring future action. This is not something that has to be done against [anyone], or despite

opposition. It is something that has to be done together with the govemment, the defense establishment, and with all the necessary permits," Beit El officials have said discussions are underway at various govemmental levels to expand the set-

tlement. What is being contemplated, they say, is construction on land near the adjacent army base - legally part of Beit El - rather than on Har Artis, which is privately owned by Palestinians.

Meanwhile, Peace Now issued a statement calling on the prime minister and defense minister to stop "in its infancy" the initiative to

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Hizbullah targets

# **US Congress:** We support PM

IN a week when former US officials and President Bill Clinton himself criticized Israel's settlement policies, key voices in the Congress stated solidly that they are not going to pile onto Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

Jesse Helms and Benjamin Gilman, chairmen of the Senate foreign relations and House international relations committees respectively, wrote Netanyahu yesterday to assure him of Congress' continued support. But they did not include any ref-

erence to settlement building. A Senate source said yesterday he believed the Helms-Gilman communication was a "direct response" to the letter sent to Netanyahu over the weekend by eight former secretaries of State and Defense, national security advisors and Middle East envoys. That letter criticized Netanyahu for undertaking a settle-

Palestinians over the territories. Clinton told a news conference Monday that encouraging Israelis to settle in the territories was "absolutely" an obstacle to peace by "preempting" negotiations on a

ment policy that threatened any accommodation with the

"We were frankly disgusted by the Senate source said of the

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Mordechai names settlements adviser

DEFENSE Minister Yitzbak Mordechai has appointed Eli Cohen as

his new adviser on settlement activity after the Labor-appointed

Noach Kinarti asked to resign. Cohen will also be responsible for

Kinarti, who was with Mordechai during his meeting with settler

leaders in Beit El on Sunday, is leaving after four years in the position. Mordechai accepted Kinarti's resignation and praised his

Cohen, 47, is a former deputy mayor of Ma'aleh Adumim. Like

many of Mordechai's advisers, he is a veteran senior paratroop officer.

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original letter. "Maybe a bunch of has-beens are giving [Netanyahu] a hard time, but those of us in power think no one should be givng [Netanyahu] instructions."
The Republicans controlling

Congress are among Netanyahu's staunchest supporters here, particularly since the prime minister's address to both bodies in July in which he affirmed his commitment to making peace and weaning Israel off its \$3 billion annual aid package.

"There are voices who insist that it is incumbent upon the state of Israel to make all the sacrifices for peace. Do not count us among such people," Helms and Gilman wrote. "All parties to the peace process must act in good faith; no one can credibly pretend that the peace will hold or fail based on the actions of one party alone.

"We would not presume to advise you on specific steps to take, or to refrain from taking, in your pursuit of a just and lasting peace. We do, however, support your efforts to assure the security of Israel's people and its borders.

The two wrote Netanyahu that the continued negotiations over IDF redeployment from Hebron 'are a testament to Israel's willingness to work towards a viable agreement with the Palestinians."



**NEWS** 

Stanley and Joyce Boim, the parents of David Boim, who was killed by Palestinian terrorists near Beit El in June, demonstrate yesterday in front of the US consulate in Jerusalem. The Boims want the Palestinian Authority to extradite their son's killer to Israel.

### Settlers split on strategy

NEWS IN BRIEF

Woman hurt after falling out of moving car

A 23-year-old woman from Taiba village near Ein Harod was

eriously injured yesterday when she fell out of a moving car.

Afula's Ha'emek Hospital and from there to Haifa's Rambam

he door and fall out without the driver and a man sitting in the

across the country. Two of the injured were seriously hurt, three

uffered moderate injuries and the rest were lightly

Weizman to visit India next week

Delhi where Israeli expertise will be utilized.

A total of 124 people were hurt in 94 traffic accidents yesterday

President Ezer Weizman will fly at the end of this week to New Delhi

for a state visit. Weizman will sign agreements for industrial research

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December 19, 1996 at 3:30 p.m.

at Kibbutz Yizre'el.

and development; a cultural exchange program; and an agricultural

agreement that will include laying the cornerstone for a farm near

The woman, who had been sitting in the rear seat, was taken to

Hospital. Police are investigating how the woman managed to open

SETTLEMENT leaders holding a two-day strategy session in Ariel yesterday found themselves split between those who want to come out in full support of the government, those who advocate a national unity government, and even those who say it is time to begin looking for a right-wing alternative candidate to challenge Binyamin Netanyahu in 2000.

Elkana Local Council head Nissan Slomiansky suggested at the meeting in Ariel of heads of Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza that an alternative candidate be considered as a way of applying pressure on Netanyahu and getting him to begin massive building in the settlements.

The prime minister and govern-

ment are not working at the pace or with the strength that we expected," Slomiansky said.

On the other side of the spectrum, Ma'aleh Adumim Mayor Benny Kashriel said that what is needed is a national unity government headed by Netanyahu. "At this point all the world is against us...The minute [Shimon] Peres is in the government, it will be easier to stand up to the pressure, it won't give Arafat the opportunity to divide and conquer."

The end result, according to Kashriel, will be that it will be easier to build in Judea and Samaria. The council's general-secretary, Aharon Domb, said, however, that the council's position at this point is to to stand "unequivocally behind the government."

#### Hanegbi salutes settlements LIAT COLLINS

plenum discussion yesterday.

"The settlements are a big obsta-

He was answering a motion to the agenda by MK Michael Kleiner (Gesher).

The settlements are no more of an obstacle to peace than Jerusalem. Ariel, Ma'aleh Adumim, Shilo and Anatot interest them like last year's snow," Hanegbi said.

He recalled the demonstrations by the left when building started in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Pisgat Ze'ev over the Green Line. "But nothing happened. The skies didn't fall in. Why? Because there are things we are not prepared to accept. We can't accept that we shall stop settling our land. That's unacceptable. We can reach this or that political arrangement, we can . We can come out of the negotiations without everything we want, but not to settle the

JUSTICE Minister Tzahi Hangebi sent out a strong message of support for settlements in a Knesset

cle to peace, to [Yasser] Arafat's peace, the peace of the left in Israel - just like Israel is a big obstacle to the dreams of peace of many of our neighbors who would like to see a Middle East without the State of Israel, a Middle East which lives in tranquility without a bone stuck in its throat," Hangebi said.

land? What are we here for?"

#### and all planes returned safely, the IDF Spokesman said. Reports from Lebanon said three jets fired a total of six rockets at

IAF warplanes twice blasted Hizbullah targets in south Lebanon yesterday amid reports of ongoing fighting in which three of its members were said to have been killed.

The Associated Press reported from Lebanon that IDF troops had spotted a Hizbullah squad trying to infiltrate the security zone, north of Soujud in the eastern sec-

According to the reports, the IDF troops positioned in hills overlooking Akmata village, north of the zone, opened fire, sparking exchanges that lasted for nearly an

During the fighting, three Hizbullah gunmen were killed. There was no confirmation of the report from any other sources.

The report, quoting sources in the security zone, said the IDF troops called in air support and three jet fighters strafed Hizbullah positions in the region.

The IDF Spokesman confirmed that IAF warplanes struck at terrorist targets in the zone's eastern sector yesterday morning, saying that all the planes returned safely to their bases.

Later in the evening a second sortie was made on Hizbullah targets in the same area. In both raids, pilots reported accurate hits

targets around Akamata and the M'lita hills in Lebanon's Iglim al-Toufah region. Hizbullah later attacked IDF and

South Lebanese Army positions in the eastern and central sectors with mortars and light weapons fire. There were no casualties and IDF and SLA gumners returned

Meanwhile, a senior Hizbullah official has again criticized the Grapes of Wrath monitoring committee for being ineffectual.
Sheikh Nabil Kaouk

Hizbullah's leader in south Lebanon, was quoted in the Lebanese press as saying that the monitoring committee had consistently failed to "protect Lebanese civilians from repeated Zionist attacks."

He warned against Israel "continuing in this way," saying Hizbullah would continue to "show the enemy's weakness and impotence to its own public coin-

We promise that Zionist leaders will discover the hard way that their army is no match for the holy fighters," Kaouk was quoted as

### Suissa: Ras al-Amud project can be delayed

JON IMMANUEL and LIAT COLLINS

INTERIOR Minister Eli Suissa said Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu had not asked him to put aside plans to build 130 housing units on the edge of Ras al-Amud in eastern Jerusalem.

Still, Suissa said, if it's necessary "to wait a little, we will wait. We have been waiting for the Messiah long enough, so we'll wait." Suissa said there was no justifi-

cation for international calls for a delay in the project. He pointed out that the land slated for Jewish housing was a small sliver on the edge of the Arab neighborhood and that 800 Arab housing units were also slated for construction. He said threats of violence should not be taken seriously, because there is a consensus in Israel concerning the status of Jerusalem and such threats are also heard whenever construction is slated in Jaffa and other Arab populated zhbo<del>d</del>uoods.

"I lived in Morocco in one building with Arabs and I want to responsibility falls entirely on the return to that. I don't see it as

building inside an Arab popula-

Labor faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen sent a letter to Suissa yesterday asking him to postpone building permits for Ras al-Amud. "Even if justice and the law are

on your side, it is better to be wise before acting and to prevent a flare up which will harm the negotia-tions with the Palestinians. Even if we are right, it's better to be smart," Cohen wrote. He said the decision to populate the neighborbood with Jewish residents would likely cause riots and stressed he was referring to the decision itself, which could be seen as a provocation even before the bulldozers

moved in to start work.

Knesset Interior Committee chairman Sallah Tarif (Labor) said: "The problem in Ras al-Amud is real and dangerous, and the fact that the government is to prove this. In any case, the prime minister."

# IDF bracing for possible clash

IDF forces are bracing for a possible violent escalation with Palestinians, following tensions which arose yesterday near

Netzarim in the Gaza Strip when Palestinian police tried to block Israeli forces from renovating an IDF outpost. OC Southern Command Maj.-Gen. Shlomo Yanai gathered his commanders last night to discuss the possibility of dealing with a renewal of confrontation with

Palestinian forces in the Gaza Strip. "It's clear that this isn't a good situation. We have to do what ever we can to clam it and find a situation where there won't be any kind of unintentional flare up due to local individual tensions," Yanai told reporters earlier.

when Palestinian police tried to block an IDF force moving along the coastal road toward Netzarim. The ruckus drew Palestinian students and the gathering soon turned into an argument between the two sides over passage along the road and work at an abandoned IDF outpost.

for the road and the outpost.

The outpost, which had been vacated by the IDF over a year ago. was to be renovated since it holds a panoramic view of Gaza City's

planned port. But Palestinian sources said the IDF wanted to install a radar station on the site, contrary to an agreement reached between the two sides last year.

"I can only say that the IDF in its territory does what it feels is right when it feels it is right and will contimue to do so. We are prepared for all possibilities, even if another exchange of fire breaks out," Yanai

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# with Palestinian forces in Gaza ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

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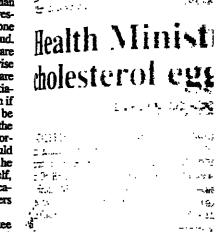
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Her husband, Harry Jaglom, and family





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Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon gets his blood pressure checked yesterday as part of health awareness day for MKs.

# For a day, doctors make a House call

DOCTORS and nurses from the Maccabi health fund made a House call yesterday, checking more than 300 Knesset staffers and MKs in a campaign aimed at alerting the pub-lic and its elected officials to possible health

Among those examined were Health Minister Yehoshua Matza and his predecessor Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi.

MKs and employees were weighed and their pulse rates and blood pressure were checked. They also underwent blood and urine tests for cholesterol levels and sugar. Several chucked their cigarettes only as they entered the exami-

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Many discovered they weren't just political with Knesset physician Dr. Yitzhak Lipschitz.

SO-CALLED low-cholesterol

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amount of cholesterol as normal

eggs, Dr. Brian Coussin, head of

the Health Ministry's food ser-

vices division, told the Knesset State Control Committee yester-

While it is true that these eggs have a high concentration of a

fatty acid called Omega-3, Cassin

continued, there is no proof that

this substance reduces the quantity

Cassin said the ministry is plan-

ning legal action against the pro-

ducers responsible for the mis-

.Committee chairman Ran Cohen

(Meretz) demanded that the min-

istry also publish advertisements

warning the public that the low-

opolesterol eggs are fraudulent.

This is a very dangerous fraud, he

said, because people suffering from high cholesterol, who should not be eating eggs at all, think it is

okay to ear these eggs and thereby

of cholesterol in the blood.

leading claims.

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cholesterol eggs a hoax

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endanger their health.

Cohen noted that the false

advertising also enables the pro-

ducers of the low-cholesterol eggs

to charge 75% more than the price

of ordinary eggs.

Dalia Harel, deputy directorgeneral of the Agriculture
Ministry, explained that the low-

cholesterol eggs were exempted

from the price controls imposed

on ordinary eggs because of the

In another egg-related matter, Cassin also told the committee

that the ministry suspects eggs are

at the root of several deaths in

nursing homes recently. The min-

istry thinks the deaths might have

been caused by eating eggs smug-

gled in from the Palestinian

Authority which were infected

Cassin added that surplus egg

production increases the danger of

salmonella infection, because the

eggs sit in warehouses longer

with the salmonella bacterium.

high cost of producing them.

heavyweights, but generally overweight. The Knesset cafeterias marked all food with its calorie and fat content yesterday.

MK Salah Salim (Hadash) quipped that although he is overweight, he has less of a problem than his skinny colleagues. "We're all being asked to make cuts and reductions. Where are the thin ones going to cut from?"
Nissim Zvilli (Labor) noted that since electronic voting was instigated "we don't even get

the exercise of raising our hands to vote any-The tests were carried out in cooperation

The conclusion was that MKs need a little more exercise than running in political races.

Meanwhile, MK Adisu Massala (Labor) yesterday demanded a public apology from Magen David Adom director Amos Lurie who last week said Massala had decided not to donate blood because "perhaps he knows that there are things in his blood which prevent its

Massala said the statement is slanderous and propagates stereotypes of Ethiopian immigrants. He said his refusal was to protest the fact that his blood would be treated differently from all other MKs' because Ethiopian immigrants are considered at high-risk to be carriers of the AIDS virus.

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

Sharon man shoots Rotweiler A resident of Avihail in the Sharon shot and wounded a Rotweiler Tuesday, because it was threatening his two-and-a-half-year-old

The dog was wounded, and another Rotweiler that was with him disappeared. The two dogs were licensed, although their owners had not reported them lost or wounded.

The man said the dogs approached his son and tried to attack him. so he pulled out his gun and shot one of them. Police are investigating the incident.

Yeshiva director accused of embezzlement Slimitel Edri, 37, of Petah Tikva, the director of the Yamit yeshiva at Neveh Dekalim in Gush Katif, was freed on bail yesterday by the yeshiva funds,

According to the indictment, Edri covered up his actions by making false entries in documents belonging to the yeshiva and the catering company that he also ran. He is accused of fraud and violation of trust and theft by a civil servant, among other charges. Edri denied the charges, but the police agreed to free him on NIS 70,000 bail, and banned him from leaving the country. The judge also banned him from contact with anyone involved in the

Company head suspected of tax evasion The managing director of Avi Cosmetics Ltd., suspected of evading taxes on million of shekels worth of business transactions, was released yesterday on NIS 200,000 bail and barred from leaving the country for six months.

A Haifa Magistrate's Court judge heard that Shimon Furman, 44, of Hadera, who headed the Clil chemicals company from 1994-95, is suspected of evading taxes in deals worth NIS 2 million with Clil and NIS 600,000 with Avi Cosmetics.

Transportation guards to work on scooters The Transport Ministry will launch a new security unit in the coming days that will be made up of 60 guards on motor scooters. The unit aims to increase the mobility of public transportation guards and their ability to foil terror attacks, the ministry said in a

#### Labor gets 2 candidates on Druse religious judge selection committee LIAT COLLINS

before they are sold.

THE coalition suffered a defeat yesterday when the Knesset elected two opposition candidates as its representatives on the committee which appoints Druse religious counts judges.

MK Sallah Tarif (Labor) will a certain candidate as he is the only Druse MK. But former Likud MK. Assad Aasad, who is the prime minister's adviser on Druse affairs, dailed to get the second seat on the committee, which went to Pabor's other candidate Wahaba Wahaba. Tarif got 68 votes: Wahaba; 49; Assad 42; and the Likud's second candidate Ayoub Kara, 13.

Assad said after the vote: "It is my failure but also the prime minister's." The premier had asked the Knesset Speaker to postpone the vote but succeeded in delaying it by only one day after Tarif's supporters stormed the office of Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon on Tuesday.

Wahaba said he would act to change the criteria for choosing the religious judges from family and clan ties to capabilities.

The committee is considered particularly important for the Druse

as the religious leadership is the guiding force for the community.

#### Sara Perl, 'The Soldiers' Aunt,' dies at 79

SARA Perl. known as "The Soldiers' Aunt," died yesterday in Safed at 79.

Perl owned the city's famous Herzliya Hotel, which served as a vacation spot for the nation's leaders as well as the first soldiers' hostel, where soldiers could enjoy a free break from the army. "She had a special love for the

army. She served for many years as chairperson of the Soldiers' Welfare Committee and visited the wounded daily, giving out gifts throughout the country, and in all the wars," her cousin, former mayor of Safed, Ze'ev Peri, said

yesterday. Twenty years ago, she was miraculously saved from drowning in the Jordan River after her car was pulled into the water while she was on her way to disto a passing Beduin's interven-

IDF generals in the North often visited her at home and, until she took ill a few months ago, she visited soldiers in the hospital and on bases. "You're all my sons, and I love you," she said.

Perl was buried yesterday at the Safed cemetery. Safed chief rabbi Showel Eliahn said in his eulogy: "Her good deeds and charity can never be buried. They will stay with us forever."

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#### 'Yediot' publisher questioned by National Fraud Squad

YEDIOT Aharonot publisher Amon "Noni" Mozes was questioned by the National Frand Squad yesterday in connection with false financial statements that were allegedly intended to mislead other shareholders in the newspaper.

Rival Yedior shareholders - currently in the middle of a civil law suit

over control of the daily - filed a complaint to the Fraud Squad alleging Mozes wrote false financial statements to cover up expenses he wished

to hide from other family members, who also are shareholders.

Family members allege Mozes used finances from the daily to commission wiretapping, via its security officer Haim Rosenberg. Rosenberg is awaiting a hearing on charges of wiretapping workers' phones at rival

The Tel Aviv District Attorney's office is reportedly preparing an indictment against Mozes for commissioning the wiretaps. Raine Marcus

# **Bar Association head Hoter-Yishai indicted** for tax evasion

BAR Association head Dror Hoter-Yishai was indicted for tax evasion in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Hoter-Yishai, who recently caused a stir in legal circles when he slammed the judicial system. particularly the Supreme Court, was indicted on three charges of tax evasion, assisting another person to fraudulently avoid taxes and making false declarations to tax authorities.

According to prosecutor Ella Rubin, Hoter-Yishai succeeded in defrauding income tax authorities out of hundreds of thousands of shekels between 1990-1992. Hoter-Yishai said after the

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"sorry that the legal system has deteriorated to such an extent." "There is much to correct in the system," he added. "Whoever crit-

icizes the system intends to help it

and not to damage it."

The charges regard a plot of land in Azur, owned by his father, Aharon, and his father's partner, Shimon Gurinsky. Hoter-Yishai discovered that a metal company was illegally dumping scrap metal on the land. He sued the company in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court, which ruled that it must vacate the land or pay the owners a fee. Hoter-Yishai Aharon and Gurinsky also were compensated

After the company paid the partners, Dror Hoter-Yishai took

charge of the accounts, allegedly making false entries with the aim of defrauding authorities. According to the indictment, he

deliberately failed to declare taxes on behalf of his father and Gurinsky. Aharon Hoter-Yishai and Gurinsky have not been charged, and the district attorney accuses Dror Hoter-Yishai of

organizing the tax scam.

The Movement for Quality
Government called for Hoter-Yishai's suspension as head of the Bar Association yesterday. The trial will open in February in Tel

### Kahalani blocks Amit's meeting with Jerusalem caucus MKs

MEMBERS of the Knesset's Jerusalem caucus were up in arms yesterday over Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani's refusal to let outgoing Jerusalem Police chief Cmdr. Arye Amit address the forum.

The caucus's co-chairmen, MKs Ruby Rivlin (Likud) and Ophir Pines (Labor), charged that Kahalani prevented Amit from speaking because of Amit's recent criticism of him in the press. Amit accused Kahalani of improperly interfering in the police's handling of haredi riots on Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan this summer.

"It seems to me that this is some kind of act of revenge," Pines said. I see this as a provocation."

Rivlin said he has spoken by phone to Amit, and Amit told him that "in his opinion, the minister did this to settle accounts with him." While the cancus does not have the legal status of a Knesset committee. Rivlin said, it deserved respect and cooperation from the government. "Our invitation, to all of our minds, obligated the minister not

to interfere," he said. Kahalani's spokesman, Rafi Levy, responded that standing police rules forbid any officer to **EVELYN GORDON** 

address a public or political forum or be interviewed by the press without express permission from both the police inspector-general and the internal security minister. Amit therefore violated the rules by agreeing to appear without Kahalani's okay.

Furthermore, he said, it is standard practice that permission of this sort is not given except when an officer is about to retire. Amit not only still has another three months in his present post, but he is not even retiring at that point, Levy noted. He is merely going abroad to study, while remaining a part of the force.

"Amit wears a uniform, and that imposes certain obligations on him," Levy said.

Kahalani nixed Amit's visit less than an hour before the caucus's 4 p.m. meeting, after Amit had already arrived at the Knesset. According to Levy, this was because Kahalani learned about the scheduled appearance only at about 2:30 p.m. Pines said he had

asked Kahalani to okay Amit's

appearance a week ago, and never heard back. Levy responded that

due to an office mix-up, the aide to whom Pines's aide spoke failed to inform Kahalani at the time. Some of the caucus members

supported Pines and Rivlin, but others did not. "It's not proper for us to conduct

an argument with the minister when he is not present and the press is," said Rehavam Ze'evi (Moledet), who suggested that instead of a public attack, Rivlin and Pines simply ask Kahalani to reconsider his decision. Alex Lubotsky (Third Way)

went even farther in his defense of his party's leader, saying it would "not be constructive" to have Amit appear before the caucus at a time when his fight with Kahalani, rather than his knowledge of Jerusalem affairs, would inevitably take center stage.

"The minister's decision, at this time and under these circumstances, seems to me to be justified," he said.

Pines strenuously denied radio reports that Labor was negotiating with Amit to make him their candidate for mayor of Jerusalem in the next elections.

"Nobody has spoken to him about this matter," Pines said.

#### DeBakey participates in Yigal Amir telemedicine consultation with Beilinson doctors

PIONEER heart transplant surgeon Michael DeBakey, who was consulted regarding Boris Yeltsin's bypass operation, partici-pated yesterday in a joint telemedicine consultation with surgeons at the Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus.

From the operating theater via videoconference, Beilinson heart surgeon Prof. Bernardo Vidne and cardiologist Dr. Einat Birak discussed with DeBakey the case of a 17-year-old youth whose aortal valve was damaged by rheumatic fever, and had to be replaced. A variety of alternatives are available for such cases, including the use of a processed valve from a human donor or a pig, or reshap-ing one of the patient's other valves for this purpose. In the end, the Israeli and American doctors chose the Ross procedure, in which another of the patient's valves is rebuilt to fit the aorta.

The medical consultations were transmitted over an integrated services digital network (ISDN). Hospital officials say they regard telemedicine as the wave of the future, and will become increasingly involved in this technology. Doctors on both sides of the line can view video pictures, the results of scans and the patient's file, and get an audio feed. The first Israeli conference on

telemedicine will be held on Sunday at Tel Aviv University, in cooperation with the Science and

Communications ministries. The Science Ministry, said yesterday that telemedicine has the potential of being a huge global market – perhaps as big as \$120 billion – to bring specialists closer to the

periphery and even to supervise

patients' conditions at home. So far, the ministry said, a handful of hospitals and a number of high-tech firms are involved, but they are not being coordinated. Under the new research and development agreement between Israel and the European Union, Israeli companies will be able to present telemedicine proposals for research grants totaling \$120 mil-

costs state NIS 500,000 a year

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INTERNAL Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani told the Knesset yesterday that it costs NIS 500,000 a year to keep Yigal

Amir in prison. He was answering a parliamentary question by MK Ran Cohen (Meretz). Kahalani said Amir is held in solitary confinement for security considerations and for fear he will attempt sui-

Kahalani said to the best of his knowledge Amir receives kosher food like all other religious prisoners and not restaurant food as recently reported.

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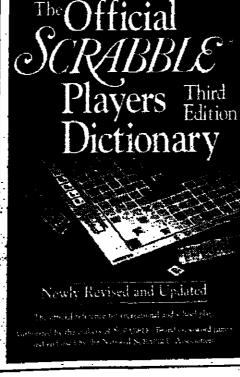
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# Red Cross chief vows not to give up in Chechnya

GENEVA (Reuter) - The president of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said yesterday the Swiss-run body would not abandon Chechnya despite the murder of six of its staff at a hospital there on Tuesday.

The ICRC chief, Cornelio Sommaruga, also told ambassadors to foreign missions in Geneva that the "vile, barbarous and cowardly" killings would give new urgency to discussion on the creation of a permanent international criminal court.

"We have been forced to call a halt to our activities in Chechnya for the moment, but we are determined not to give up," he declared.
"For how could we ever bring ourselves to abandon the victims of the

Sommaruga was speaking at ICRC headquarters a few hours before the bodies of the six - five women nurses and a male ICRC field representative who were shot in their sleep - were due to arrive in Geneva from Moscow.

Their remains will then be flow

Zealand, Norway and Spain.

The ICRC, followed by most other international aid bodies, announced on Tuesday it was pulling all international staff out of the rebel region where it had run a relief operation almost since the start of the conflict there two years

The 133-year-old body is leaving local staff to look after the hospital where they were killed at Novye Atagi, just outside the Chechen capital Grozny, and to run other centers it has set up in the region, which has sought independence

Sommaruga said the deaths, "a manifestation of barbaric violence," had cast "a tragic shadow over our entire movement."

"It is an outrage which strikes at the very foundations of ....what the Red Cross originally set out to do ICRC chief told the envoys, origi-

violations of humanitarian law, which the ICRC has denounced in other recent conflicts like the Bosnia and Rwanda wars.

It has also been critical of Russia's use of armed might in civilian areas in Chechnya itself, where it failed to suppress a sepa-

What happened at Novye Atagi, he said, "can be compared with barbaric acts seen recently in other parts of the world."

"If we accept that such intolerable behavior will continue in a climate of indifference, then the intolerable will become the rule," he

The killings wer, a challenge to governments, national Red Cross societies, the ICRC and all other humanitarian bodies.

"This breakdown of moral values, these war crimes that are becoming commonplace, must surely lend new urgency to the ongoing discussions on the establishment of an international criminal court," Sommaruga said.



Stunt pilot Tim Senior demonstrates the perfect way to beat Christmas traffic jams, as he sits in the cockpit of his special aircraft capable of taking off from the roof of a Mitsubishi Shogun, during a display at RAF Kemble, England this week.

### FBI agent arrested on charges of spying for Russia

WASHINGTON (Reuter) - The FBI yesterday arrested one of its own agents on espionage charges for allegedly passing sensitive classified documents to Russia for money, federal law enforcement

They said the agent, who joined the FBI in 1983 and who initially worked in the New York office unit responsible for catching spies, was arrested at work at the FBI's training facility in Quantico, Va.

The officials said the agent who was not immediately identified — allegedly enaged in the spying in the late 1980s, when he was in the New York office.

He then was transferred to be a supervisory special agent at FBI headquarters in the early 1990s. The officials said the agent next was moved to the FBI's training facility in Quantico in 1995 after falling under suspicion.

The officials described it as a month when CIA officer Harold Nicholson was arrested on charges of spying for Russia. Nicholson, a 16-year CIA veter-

an who had been chief of station in great as the Ames case.

Malaysia, was accused of spying for Moscow since June, 1994, in exchange for about \$180,000. Nicholson, the highest-ranking CIA officer ever indicted for espionage, has pleaded not guilty.

The most serious FBI espionage case previously had involved Richard Miller, an agent in Los Angeles who was arrested in 1984 on charges of spying for Moscow. He was later convicted.

The arrest of the new FBI agent whose identity would be made public at a court appearance in Virginia — represented new evidence that Moscow had been able to penetrate one of the most important US agencies assigned to keep

track of Russian spies. Washington has long suspected that Moscow may have more spies operating in this country after the arrest in 1994 of Aldrich Ames, the confessed CIA turncoat who passed along some of the nation's most sensitive secrets.

The officials said the damage from the FBI case did not appear as

### Bundestag speaker in flights controversy

BONN (Reuter) - The reputation of Germany's top woman politician came under threat yesterday over accusations she used official aircraft for private trips - just as her opinion ratings soared to make her the country's most popular

The popular daily Bild accused parliamentary speaker Rita Suessmuth of using official aircraft to make 13 private trips in two years to see her daughter in Zurich. Suessmuth, 59, a former university professor from the liberal wing Chancellor Heimut Kohl's Christian Democrats, has denied the charges and pledged to clear

Suessmuth, second in the state hierarchy after President Roman Herzog, is not popular in her party. The announcement Tuesday that the Bonn public prosecutor was considering a charge of misuse of the official planes made her even

A deputy leader of the CDU group in parliament, Gerhard Friedrich, urged Suessmuth to clear up the affair quickly. "The speaker always sets high moral standards now she has to meet them, too," he told Bild.

Suessmuth was a Bonn newcomer when Kohl unexpectedly named her health minister in 1985. She quickly became known through the liberal AIDS awareness campaign she launched.

Suessmuth, who frequently travels abroad on parliamentary business, survived a 1991 scandal about her husband's use of her official limousine. The practice was judged legal in the end but put the first dent into her "Mrs Clean"

#### Saddam's son blames Iran for assassination attempt

BAGHDAD (Reuter) - Iraq's official media gave a rapturous wel-come yesterday to President Saddam Hussein's eldest son, Uday, after he appeared on television in a hospital bed five days after being wounded in an assassination attempt.

State-run newspapers ran articles, poems and commentaries on how glad the Iraqis were to see Uday.

Uday appeared on television Tuesday evening for the first time since he was shot as he drove through Baghdad's wealthy al-Mansour district December 12. He seemed to blame han for the attack, but did not mention Iraq's neighbor

Uday spoke at ease with a Qatari envoy and a reporter from the official Iraqi News Agency. He looked relaxed with his body covered by a blanket and no bandages on his head, but he did not move either hand to welcome the visitors.

Uday, 32, is chairman of Iraq's owns the newspaper Babel, Iraq's most influential, and runs the popular Shebab television channel. Uday's newspaper Babel pub-

lished a poem congratulating Saddam on the safety of his son: Saddam! You are the sword of Iraq. You have won your cub. Safe remain VOUT EVES.

Uday was quoted by official media as describing the attack as "treach-ery" and said it was not a characteristic of Arabs. He implicated Iran. saying: "The treacherous people are known along with the place they come from....they tested us for eight years." That was a reference to the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war.

Iraqi opposition groups abroad have claimed they were behind the

# Major faces parliamentary war of attrition

LONDON (Reuter) - British Prime Minister John Major, fighting to hang on to power, faces an exhausting parliamentary war of attrition after the opposition tore up long-standing cooperation deals with the government in a row over cheating.

Ruling Conservative party managers were looking forward to parliament's Christmas break as a chance to rally supporters for the drive to the election, due in

But the opposition made clear yesterday they would not let up in their campaign to bring down the deeply divided government, which last week lost its majority after a Labor party by-election victory.

The opposition drew first blood on Tuesday night,

when the government was ambushed in a vote on an amendment to a bill on stalking and lost by 179 votes This government is devious. Cheating has become a way of life with this government," said Labor

deputy leader John Prescott Major drew comfort from figures yesterday which showed unemployment last month fell to 1.93 million. It was the first time the total had dropped below two million for six years. They are not good, they are magnificent," Major

said of the unemployment figures. When the Conservatives came to power in 1979.

unemployment stood at 1.09 million before peaking at 2.98 million in 1992. There was no immediate threat to the government's survival from Tuesday's vote but the result underlined Major's parliamentary problems after the collapse of the unwritten codes which govern cooperation between the opposing sides.

The row centers on "double counting" in a key vote

on Monday on European fishing policy. Major won, ensuring his survival But the opposition said the government inflated its

support by offering both Labor and Liberal Democrat party managers the same three names of MPs for "pairing" - a system to allow MPs to be absent for key votes without affecting the overall result. Conservative party managers denied the charges.

# Cyprus hails landmark Eurocourt ruling on Turkey

NICOSIA (Reuter) - Cyprus denying her access to her plots of were displaced in the Turkish greeted a ruling by the land in Turkish-occupied invasion of the northern third of European Court of Human Rights against Turkey for violating the property rights of a Greek Cypriot as a landmark judgment that could open the floodgates to demands for compensation arising from the 1974 invasion.

It is a great success," Cypriot President Glafcos Clerides said

of yesterday's ruling.
In a case watched closely by Cyprus, the Strasbourg Court ruled by 11 votes to six that Turkey had violated Titina Loizidou's property rights by

Kyrenia in northern Cyprus. Cypriot lawyers said the ruling

had important political implications by making Turkey responsible for the situation on the island, not the breakaway Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus declared in 1983 and recognised only by Ankara.

"I believe its effects can be enormous," said Clerides. "If we take into account those who were forced to leave their homes then the effects can be greater." Some 200,000 Greek Cypriots

the island which was sparked by a brief coup engineered by the military regime then in power in Greece.

The ruling gave Turkey six months to submit observations on Loizidou's claim for compensation. Her lawyers are seeking up to half a million Cyprus pounds (\$1.07 million) in dam-Acceptance of compensation

does not affect Loizidou's ownership rights, said her lawyer

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- It is a computer company's worst nightmare - to be erased.

But that's what police said hap-pened to Digital Technologies Group, a small Internet service provider and computer design company. They've arrested a man who lost his job at the company just before the problems started. One night in October, the com-

pany's owner, Mark Ambrose, was at home trying to call up the company's home page on the Internet's World Wide Web when an error message flashed on the screen. When he tried to retrieve one of his major accounts, the Ambrose then rushed to the

office to log on to the system, only to find more error messages. "Everything had been erased," he said. Even the backup copies were deleted.

The company lost about \$17,000 in business equipment and records. Months of work were also gone. The business was closed for a week while a new computer system was set up.

Ambrose reasoned that only someone with intimate knowledge of the company's system, including client and employee passwords, could have created description, he said, was Charles Morrell, the primary computer technician, who lost his job the day before the computer files started disappearing. He was let go because the work he had been hired to do was completed, Ambrose said.

On Tuesday, Morrell was arrested on a charge of computer crime. He was accused of sabotaging the business by infiltrating the computer system from home. He could face up to 20 years in prison. Morrell's lawyer, Richard E.

Cohen said the charges are "totally baseless" and stem from a business dispute.

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Nicole Miller's slip dress with matching coat from The Wear House.

# An end-of-season show

GREER FAY CASHMAN

THE timing could not have been more perfect. The Wear House, Israel's equivalent to Labels for Less, was just getting ready for its winter fashion show, when the heavens opened, and the

rain came down, Some of the guests had commented only a few minutes earlier on the sorry season the fashion industry had experienced when winter decided to give Israel a miss.

The Wear House proprietors, Riva Baranowitz and Lorraine Schwartz, had optimistically termed the event a showing for winter '97, but the truth was that it was an end-of-season show, coming after Europe and the US had already unveiled spring/summer collections for 1997.

Yet for the Tel Aviv, Herzliya Pituah, Kfar Shmaryahu and Savyon socialites who braved the inclement weather to descend to the bowels of the cavernous Tiroche Auction House, where the show was staged against an opulent backdrop of Persian carpet wall hangings and ornate brass lamp stands, the semantics of chronology were insignificant. What was important was having access to top international designer creations at prices just within reach

of middle-income wage camers. But while the middle-income dreamers could manage only one, or at a stretch two outfits, the diamondstudded elite could comfortably snap up five or six without blinking an eye. NIS 2,100 is after all not all that much to pay for a Ralph Lauren suit - and that was one of the more expensive items. The average price was closer to NIS 1,500 and some suits by slightly less celebrated designers were going for under NIS 1,000. Five suits, someone observed, were equivalent to the cost of a facelift - and while the suits were a safe prospect for several seasons ahead face-lifts were not always successful, and even when they were, unlike the classic suit, they didn't have a

lasting effect. It is really much easier and far less painful to iron a wrinkle out of a

Anyone agonizing about whether or not she should buy a mini-skirted suit had only to look at the runway where the high hemline continued to hold sway, with several concessions to those who are tired of displaying their derrieres and baring their legs. Extended skirt lengths trailed from just below the knee, moving gradually downwards to ankle length.

Pants, both narrow and wide, tended to hover at the ankle, leading one to suspect that clothing designers are in cahoots with footwear designers. After all, there's not much point in wearing a boot if no one can see it.

Jackets, whether waist-skimming.

hip length or descending flatteringly to mid-thigh, were shape conscious and frequently double breasted with multiple rows of small buttons from neckline to hip.

Here and there, a charmingpeplum added a touch of romance, and occasionally a matching coat lent an added dimension of sophistication to ensemble dressing.

Unfortunately, the lighting was too dim to allow for a good view of either fabrics or colors, though one did get a sense of leather, fine wool, velvet and satin, with blacks and browns as the primary colors.

While shades of brown have led the winter fashion romp abroad, Israel continues to play it safe with black in both day and evening wear with brief flings into rich reds, bold blues and glittering golds.

The favored dress for day and evening wear is a slim, sleeveless shift worn with matching coat or jacket. An almost equal favorite for evening wear is the glamorous slip dress with exquisitely shaped bodice. Wom by a woman who's tall, willowy and graceful, it looks as if it came straight out of Hollywood. Two versions - one black and one gold - of Nicole Miller's gorgeous slip dresses with matching fulllength coats won much-deserved applause.

# Racist ads are in the eye of the viewer

OR American companies pitching products abroad, the lure of using racial images in ads stems from the belief that racial gags are still considered to be one way to draw customers through humor. It is viewed more as clever and witty than offensive. Humor remains a very powerful adver-tising tool to sell products," said Stephen A. Greyser, a professor of consumer marketing and advertising at the Harvard Business School.

But companies also use racial images in foreign advertising because cultural sensibilities regarding stereotypes in adver-tising remain very different from those in the US, experts say. In the case of Kellogg, for instance, the company's Cracky Nut cere-al ad - showing a white hunter meeting a group of monkey-faced Africans - was "inspired" by Tintin, the Belgian comic dat-ing back to the 1940s that used distasteful representations of Africans, but is nevertheless considered in France and other countries to be popular comic

Although the campaign was reviewed by the company's advertising panel in France, like many international ads for US companies, the Cracky Nut marketing campaign did not come under the scrutiny of executives in the US.

The ads "weren't meant to offend anyone - just to appeal to the French," said Anthony Emory. Kellogg's spokesman. Obviously, we were wrong, and we take the blame."

Indeed, marketers view some foreign consumers as being more tolerant of ethnic parodies. For instance, in the June issue of the British magazine Esquire, the British bottler of Kirin, a Japanese beer, ran an advertisement of two geisha girls with a slurring samurai crooning this caption: "My karaoke singing used to sound rike fowsand howring banshee but now I sing rike spawo and hafe recod contract with Wonco [after drinking Kirin Beerl."

We saw nothing offensive about the ad - we thought it was quite funny, actually," said Alasdair Fraser, who worked on the ad for Team Saatchi, a sub-



### US multinationals now getting the heat

THE sequence unfolded in a comic strip printed on the back of a Keilogg's cereal box sold in France: A white hunter meets a group of monkey-faced Africans; they seize him and toss him into a boiling cauldron; after finding Kellogg's Cracky Nut cereal in his knapsack and sampling it, the natives set him free and then worship him atop a golden throne.

The comic passed a review by the firm's French advertising executives late last year and was sent to stores throughout France. After an outcry from consumers who found the strip racially offensive, Kellogg agreed to stop distributing the boxes last March.

The incident, though a first for Kellogg, came during a year in which a string of other large, multinational companies, including Ford and Fuji, were forced to alter or cancel international ad campaigns because of complaints of racial insensitivity from consumers and minority advocates in the US and elsewhere.

Although non-US conglomerates are often the source of such ads, which are created partly out of the belief that racial humor still sells in parts of the world, US firms are now getting caught in these controversies. Minority advocates, including legislators bent on curbing such practices, are criticizing firms such as Kellogg for marketing products abroad in a way they would never consider doing at home, where minorities make up a powerful and growing segment of US consumers.

"These companies are displaying an insensitivity that borders on racism," said Democrat Congressman Cardiss Collins, who is advocating limits on "racist" marketing policies be part of trade negotiations with foreign countries. "Multinationals are being duplicitous by using this type of marketing to appeal to foreigners overseas. These companies have got to start adhering to the same ethical guidelines for advertising that they

would use in the US" to sell those same products. Racist advertising is hardly new in the international marketplace, a world where such products as Darkie toothpaste were once anabashedly sold with black minstrel logos. But pressures on foreign advertising, including lawsuits and publicity campaigns by minority rights organizations, help explain the debate over racial content overseas, experts say.

Indeed, it's not that international ad campaigns have grown more offensiove, US experts say. Rather, a heightened awareness of racially-charged ads is surfacing, particularly in Europe, as increasingly vocal minority groups target campaigns they say feed into rising anti-immigrant sentiments in the countries where such ads appear.

"In France, we're dealing with the strongest move-ment against minorities that we've seen in years," said Fode Sylla, president of SOS Racisme in Paris, a branch of an international minority rights group. Earlier this year, the group sued Fuji over ads shown in Europe where two black men in stereotypical headdress drag away a white woman from her beach chair. The group also has registered complaints with the US-based make ers of Lee Jeans and Citroen, the French carmaker, for ads it claims portray blacks in a negative fashion.

Experts say the racial sensitivity standards in international advertising remain far different than those in the US, where the taste barrier has evolved over decades from the days when advertisements for a pancake syrup featured a fictitious Aunt Jernima who wore a red bandanna and a wide grin. Although zingers still pop up, racial stereotyping generally doesn't sell well in the US, especially as many their purchasing power, experts say.

(The Washington Post)

sidiary of London-based ad giant Saatchi & Saatchi. The spots were pulled after they were criticized by Japanese newspapers. and Kirin executives in Tokyo became enraged.

"We wanted to appeal to British lager drinkers." he said. "We thought a Japanese character who spoke the way a Japanese person might speak would be funny - certainly more interesting than putting a beer bottle in front of Mount Fuji."

How do such ads come about overseas? Some US companies argue that ethnically insensitive international ads often result from a series of bad decisions made at their overseas subsidiaries. In February, for instance, a London-based ad firm working for Ford used a doctored photo of workers from one of the automaker's European plants for an ad campaign. To create the appearance of a Caucasian work force, the faces of six Indian workers were replaced with those of white employees for an advertisement.

The photo was originally doc-tored to run in Poland only, but the company said it was inadvertently picked up by its British marketers, too.

"There are no colored people in Poland, and because of that, there was a thought that the photo should be altered," said Don Hume, a Ford spokesman based in London.

"It was a mistake for the ad to run in England, too."

The incident angered the Indian workers, who were paid about \$2,850 each in compensation, Hume said. Ford officials in the US, however, also demanded that its ad firm, as well as its employees in Britain who approved the campaign, participate in a series of training classes in racial sensitivity.

"It was a horrible gaffe that never should have happened," said Al Chambers, a Ford spokesman in Detroit.

This is not an excuse, but in large companies like Ford, there are so many international parts of the company, that it's difficult to monitor them all from the United States. Of course, that doesn't excuse what is a very embarrassing episode for this company." (The Washington Post).

settes: For most people, who do not

use their VCRs as frequently as you,

these cassettes are generally fine.

However, if you buy a VCR with

four heads (called "long play"), you

can tape twice as much film on any

given cassette. You could thus buy

180-minute cassettes, and still tane

two movies. The disadvantages of

four heads (as opposed to two heads)

### Smoke, repairs and videotapes

couple of weeks ago, my brand-new VCR literally A brand-new VCR literally went up in smoke. It was just sitting there - not even in use when, suddenly, smelly white smoke began to billow from its every nook and cranny. Immediately, the incredulous family member present pulled out all the plugs, and set the VCR on the window ledge to air out the stench.

Though at no cost, due to warranty, I had to take the instrument to a video repair shop to have it diagnosed as "in need of repair," in order to receive a new machine from the shop of purchase.

Though no reason was given for the putrid smoke, I have come to the conclusion that it was caused by a sudden surge in the electrical current running through the building, following a brown-out. (Since then, however, a friend had a similar "smoky" experience with a VCR brought from the US to Israel, apparently as a result of a faulty or burnedout transformer.)

Electronic instruments are highly sensitive to sudden bursts of current. They are also sensitive to heat. For this reason, it is always a good idea

to remove the plugs of such instruments if you are planning on being out of the house for an extended period, or if you live in an area where power failures tend to occur (particularly during winter months, when storms cause damage to power lines). It is also for this reason that electronic instruments should not stand too close to radiators, or to one another (e.g. a VCR should not be placed directly on a television).

Coincidentally, once I had straightened out my own VCR problem, I received a letter from an avid watcher of videos, asking that I write about the quality of video cassettes and recorders.

N.S. received a VCR for her birthday. Several weeks later, it began to eat cherished cassettes for dinner. Twice it had to be brought in for repairs. After that, it continued to work well for about a year. In the meantime, N.S. had become "hooked" on "having a private cinema in her one-room dwelling." In addition to purchasing and renting CAVEAT EMPTOR! RUTHIE BLUM

cassettes, N.S. also tapes shows from television. For this purpose, she buys 240-minute cassettes, so as to be able to record two full-length films easily - rather than using 180minute cassettes, which seem wasteful to her, since they force her to

leave "hour-long loose ends"

A couple of weeks ago, after inserting a cassette, her VCR "gave out a little moan and died." Back it went to the repair shop, where it spent the following week. When N.S. arrived to pick up her treasured machine, she was warned by the technician never to use 240-minute cassettes. Their weight, she was informed, was too much for the lifting mechanism of the VCR to withstand. According to this technician, 180-minute cassettes are 50 grams lighter than their lengthier counterparts. Her instrument, a Philips, should only use 200-gram cassettes,

N.S. wants to know why 240minute video cassettes are on the market at all if they cause damage to VCRs, and whether her particular brand is simply too flimsy for her "heavy" use of the instrument. She also wants to know whether it is worth her while to invest in a more professional machine.

Well, N.S., the answer to your last question is "no." VCRs for professional use are not necessarily more durable than the ones sold for home use. They are more sophisticated, and built to perform functions most of which will serve no purpose other than to confuse you. They are also several times more expensive than your machine. Therefore, even if you were to buy a new VCR every time your went on the fritz, it would still be cheaper than to buy a professional machine (which, incidentally, could end up spending just as much time being repaired as has your simple instrument). Regarding the 240-minute cas-

is the poorer quality of the resulting film, and greater wear and tear to the cassettes. VCRs with four heads are also more expensive than those with two heads. The price range of the former is NIS 2,400 to NIS 3,500; of the latter: NIS 1,800 to NIS 2,700. Where the brand is concerned: I

was given two different recommendations. A veteran "Best Buy" salesman claimed that the Samsung is the best VCR on the market today; whereas a professional film-maker well-versed in the ins and outs of video equipment said that the three most reliable brands are Sony, Panasonic and JVC.

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TORDANIAN Prime Minister Abdul Karim and tourism would flourish. Kabariti sent a message to Prime Minister J Binyamin Netanyahu this week warning that Jordan views the building of settlements as a "danger to [Jordan's] national security."
Today, Foreign Minister David Levy is in Jordan attempting to patch up a relationship that has seriously deteriorated. Levy will no doubt explain to the king the limits of Israel's settlement policy - limits that the Netanyahu government is just beginning to describe publicly.

Just over two years ago, before the Oslo II accord was signed, Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein surprised the world by concluding a comprehensive peace treaty. The conventional wisdom had been that Jordan could not make peace with Israel before Syria. But these assessments did not take into account Hussein's personal courage.

The treaty with Jordan was hailed as being the hope for the first warm peace with an Arab state. However, since the general souring of relations with the Arab world, whether by decision or as a consequence of Israel's policies, Jordan's room for maneuver has diminished.

This predicament arises from Jordan's geostrategic position. Jordan is surrounded by more powerful neighbors on all sides and though fellow Arab nations, Syria and Iraq have been greater security threats to Jordan than Israel for many years. The delicate nature of Jordan's situation was most dramatically illustrated during the 1990 Gulf war. Hussein. though a moderate Arab leader, took a pro-Iraqi position. The Gulf states retaliated against Jordan for its stance by expelling almost all Jordanian workers. These states are only now beginning to thaw their relations with Jordan and accept Jordanian workers.

The Gulf war dealt a triple blow to Jordan. Jordan became politically isolated, the United Nations embargo of Iraq decimated Jordanian-Iraqi trade, and the flow of remittances from Jordanians abroad plummeted. King Hussein responded by slowly but deftly mendingfences with the West, culminating in the peace

There is an intimate connection between the peace with Israel and Jordan's long road back to eptance since the Gulf war. King Hussein's most important domestic selling point for the efforts to help Jordan economically. If Israel peace with Israel was as a partial way out of the kingdom's economic bind. Jordan would benefit from trade with Israel and the Palestinian Authority, it would receive international aid.

But things have moved more slowly on the economic front than many had hoped. Trade between Jordan and Israel only began last June, with the completion of a transportation agreement, Israel-Jordan trade this year is expected to amount to only \$10 million.

The Netanyahu government seems aware that Israel must do what it can to show Jordanians the economic fruits of peace. This month, Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky and his Jordanian counterpart Ali Abu Ragheb signed an agreement which sweetened the existing bilateral trade pact. The new agreement unilaterally slashed Israeli taxes on Jordanian goods, and allowed Jordanian trucks to deliver the goods into Israel, ending a major impediment to trade.

Even though the Israeli economy is much larger. Jordan expects that most of the initial increase in trade will be with the Palestinian economy. The west and east banks of the Jordan are connected by tight family and cultural ties, and the economies are much more similar than

those of Jordan and Israel. In the longer run, Israel would like to negotiate a free trade zone between Israel, Jordan, and the PA. The Jordanians are interested in the idea, but want to wait and see how the current trade agreement works. In the meantime, Jordan has changed its investment law to encourage investment and joint ventures with foreign companies, including Israeli companies.

All this, however, is largely frozen until the political atmosphere improves. A few weeks ago, the Jordanian Chamber of Commerce issued a statement calling for a cessation of economic ties with Israel until Israel's settlement policy is changed. Israeli companies report that potential Jordanian joint venture partners have frozen their negotiations, either out of opposition to or fear of association with Israel.

The relationship with Jordan cannot be put on a shelf to keep until relations with the rest of the Arab world improve. On the contrary, the relationship-with Jordan is a strategic one-that should drive Israel's effort to improve relations with the Palestinians and Egypt.

In tandem with improving the political atmoshere, Israel should continue to accelerate moves quickly, there is every reason to believe that the current deterioration can be quickly reversed, and the trend toward a full and warm peace restored.



# A tissue of lies

LMOST round the clock since Sunday evening, the Israeli electronic media. backed by the Hebrew press, Labor and left-wing MKs have hounded Binyamin Netanyahu, insisting that he lied to the country when he declared that GSS chief Ami Ayalon had advised him to open the Western Wall tun-

**OPINION** 

Said Labor's Ephraim Sneh: "Everyone knows that security heads warned him of the repercussions of opening the tunnel." Haggai Merom accused the prime minister of "wanting Ayalon to resign," while Meretz's Ran "shocked at Cohen was Netanyahu not telling the truth to the country." Ran added for good measure, "I heard all the security chiefs contradict what Netanyahu

claimed. Ehud Barak, who has preten-sions to become prime minister and a trusted statesman one day, added without making any effort to check the facts: "I do not believe security chiefs could have urged Netanyahu to open the tunnel." Labor's Dalia Itzik didn't hesitate to add her shrill voice to the hysterical orgy of smearing Israel's democratically elected prime minister.

Not a single voice raised the most obvious fact that the tunnel wasn't an issue involving the army or the Oslo accords. It is a Jewish tunnel in the heart of Jerusalem; both are under Israeli sovereignty. And it seems to have been forgotten that both Labor and Likud have always agreed that Jerusalem will remain the eternal, undivided capital of

Israel The tunnel has been there for 2,000 years. But the international media and "objective" Western leaders, taking their cue from leftwing Israeli politicians, have distorted the issue, virtually turning

it into a casus belli. Did a single media person or politician take the elementary step of asking Ayalon: "Is it true that you encouraged him to open the tunnel?" To our knowledge none did - not even Barak, who told Israel Radio that Ayalon, whom he had known for many years, was a man of the highest moral principles and integrity. "I believe Ayalon and disbelieve Netanyahu," was his impromptu

As a former chief of staff (and military intelligence), Barak has a certain "protekzia" in defense circles. A single phone call by Barak would have clarified the matter.

None of the political hounds baying for Netanyahu's blood took the slightest notice of the prime minister when he said he was encouraged by the security

**URI DAN DENNIS EISENBERG** 

service brass in his decision to open the tunnel.

Shimon Peres chimed in: "I don't believe Netanyahu. No chief of any security branch, nor of the army, would have dared to give the prime minister such advice." As the crescende of advice." As the crescendo of abuse aimed at shredding the last vestiges of Netanyahu's credibili-

How happy Arafat must have been with the smear campaign against Netanyahu by leftist MKs and the Hebrew media

ty mounted to its climax, the voice of Ami Ayalon was heard for the first time on the subject. 'Yes," he declared to the Knesset subcommittee on the secret service. 'I did urge the prime minister to open the Western Wall nunnel. I raised the issue at various meetings with Netanyahu and encouraged him to

open it." True Ayalon did not attend the actual meeting at which the date for the opening was fixed. There was, in fact, no reason for him to be there. He had had his say. The ultimate decision was the prerog-ative of the prime minister, not of the GSS chief.

As Barak put it, Ayalon is an honorable man. He spoke the truth without fear or favor. Which makes us wander about

Barak's integrity. Recalling the question asked about Richard Nixon – "Would you buy a secondhand car from this man?" we are now asking: "Would you buy a secondhand bicycle from

Did the Hebrew papers apologize for their smearing of Israel's prime minister? Are they half as honorable as Ayalon? There hasn't been a word from any editor.

On the contrary: Both Yediot Aharanot and Ma'ariv simply shifted gear and ran headlines saying Ayalon was thinking of resigning, hinting broadly that the GSS chief had been coerced into supporting Netanyahu's version of events.

In reality it is the radio, TV and Hebrew press who have lost

WHY SHOULD Ayalon resign? His integrity is unblemished -

unlike those who thrust falsehoods into his mouth. "It never crossed my mind to resign," he said later. It makes one wonder about the professional integrity of some journalists working for the

And the leftist politicians? How many will follow the lead of Labor's Ori Orr, who declared that Netanyahu had been telling the truth.

If this massive assault on Netanyahu's integrity was an isolated instance of MKs behaving in a totally irresponsible way, backed by newspapers, and if it had occurred during a time of tranquillity, the whole tragic affair might have been shrugged off as a moment of madness.

But it isn't, and it cannot be dis-

Dragging Israel's secret service into disrepute creates a yawning credibility gap between the GSS and the premier. Such action hovers on the brink of criminality, perhaps even treason, since the GSS is the country's major shield against the ongoing Palestinian

terror war against Israel, Apply there is one person who is rubbing his hands in glee at the media's and the Left's bounding of Binyamin Netanyahu, and that

How delighted he must have been on Monday when Yossi Sarid declared on TV, with satisfaction on his face and in his voice, that he believed Ayalon and not Netanyahu was telling the truth - and this even after the GSS chief had spoken up.

Worse still, Sarid said: "Take note of my words. There's going to be a war."

If this wasn't giving Arafat encouragement to press ahead with first initiating and then unleashing the next wave of vio-lence (which he is planning right now, according to many senior Israeli security people) what is? Like with the tunnel, Atafat is waiting for the slimmest excuse to unleash his army. And the combined voices of the Hebrew media and the political opposition are furnishing him with that excuse.

The reality of the situation is that the Jews of Israel will find themselves, as in 1967, with their backs to the sea agam. Only then will they finally unite, because there will simply be no other choice.

Woe, then, to Arafat and his vainglorious dream of reigning over the Palestinian state from a golden throne in the heart of

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israel Secret Service and other books on the Middle East.

Strange paradox JESSICA MATHEWS

AKING apart nuclear weapons, as the US and Russia have begon to do, has a huge drawback. One must figure out what to do with the plutonium that comes out, gram for gram the most dangerous material

The risk is that this stuff could be removed from a US or Russian weapon only to end up in some-one else's. Getting access to weapons fuel is the hardest part of going nuclear. If it is poorly guarded, it is incomparably easier, quicker and cheaper to buy or steal than to make.

The US plan, amounced earlier this month, has two tracks. In one, called vitrification, the plutonium is mixed with highly radioactive wastes - making it extremely dangerous to handle -then encased in glass or ceramic and buried. The plutonium is treated as waste, its significant energy content thrown away.

In the other approach, plutonium is made into reactor fuel (called mixed oxide or MOX) and burned in a civilian reactor. When the fuel comes out a good deal of plutonium remains, but it is now mixed with the highly radioactive spent fuel.

The spent fuel rods could be reprocessed to separate the plutonium and the wastes and the plutonium used again and again, but this the US will not do. Thus the MOX track sends a

mixed message. By recognizing plutonium's energy value, it takes one step down the path of a plutonium energy economy. But by choosing to burn the fuel only once, forbidding reprocessing and reuse, the option attempts to leave security interests paramount.

If the US had only itself, and only weapons phitonium to consider, it almost certainly would pursue only vitrification, the path clearly dictated by the importance it attaches to nonproliferation. But the choice is complicated by the fact that Moscow's view of photonium is the mirror image of Washington's. Russia intends not only to make MOX fuel but to reprocess it as well.

dismantled Also, while weapons will produce a lot of plu-

Nuclear nonproliferation, side by side with piling up huge stockpiles of plutonium

tonium in the coming years, reprocessing of civilian plutonium could produce twice as much, and this reactor-grade plutonium - French and Japanese claims to the contrary notwithstanding - is perfectly good weapons fuel.

THE unpleasant reality is that while the US struggles to devise a means of disposing of plutonium that keeps every pound safe from diversion, British, French and Russian reprocessing plants are chuming out additional plutonium by the ton, and Japan is buildmg another such plant.

Some in the US nuclear industry and in Congress would like to do the same. The strange paradox that coun-

nies would put enormous effort into nonproliferation while piling up huge stockpiles of photonium is a consequence of two technical mistakes made decades ago: the belief that reactor-grade plutonium is not suitable for weapons and that uranium supplies would be inadequate for global energy needs.

Phytonium recycle, a kind of perpenual energy machine and seemingly safe, became the holy grail of the industry. Many still dream the dream, even in the face of economics that have turned overwhelmingly against it.

Given all this, the administration's two-track plan makes sense. There is no good way to dispose of platonium; this one is the least bad. To make it succeed, however, it needs several accompanying policy shifts.

The US should not draw a false distinction between military and civilian plutonium. The clear, bright line it should draw is on no further production of separated plutonium at least until the disposal of weapons arsenals and existing stockpiles. That means no reprocessing, military or civilian, even by nuclear weapons states. It won't happen soon, but it

should be the unequivocal goal. The US stance that it "does not encourage" civilian reprocessing by its allies should shift to oppose."
Washington needs to say more

loudly and forcefully that reactorgrade plutonium is a weapons fuel, pooh-pooling claims to the contrary, even by valued friends. It should not hesitate to insert itself into the debate on this point now under way in Japan.

(Washington Post)

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR BIAS AGAINST ISRAEL

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Geneva.

**BUDGET CUTS** 

agenda items ensure that Israel

continues to be disproportionately

scrutinized and routinely con-

these member states' political

agenda against Israel. Barring

Israel from sitting on committees

and UN bodies such as the

Security Council is not simply a

question of diplomatic niceties

and good manners. It constitutes a

serious violation of the UN

Charter, which "reaffirm[s] ... the

equal rights... of nations large and

Biases of this scope are matters

The Economist only compounds

ERIC BERMAN,

Executive Director,

United Nations Watch

the UN's injustice with its own

them in direct proportion to their

attendance at the Knesset.

Whoever does not come is not

paid for this day. Remove some of

their perks. Change the electoral

law so that we can vote for indi-

vidual candidates and so remove

those who did not perform well

without necessarily punishing our

favorite party. This way we would

ensure we have fewer parasites in

our parliament and that the job

will be done the way we, the elec-

It is about time the MKs take

responsibility for their actions;

they should be the first to feel the

weight of "financial correctness."

may be more or less the exception.

There, citizens of all denominations

There certainly is something

very wrong with our educational

institutions, but even more so with

the education our children receive

at home. Thirty-seven percent of

students hate Arabs and two-thirds

of them think Arabs should not

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have the same rights as Jews.

live in peace together.

DR. J. ROZENCWAJG

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POOR EDUCATION

of "justice," not of "kindness."

Second, "unkind" makes light of

Sir, - It appears that little has changed since last year's dialogue in The Jerusalem Post with The Economist, in which the latter was accused of harboring anti-Israel

sentiments. It still does. In a recent article on the United Nations secretary-general ("The Scapegoat," November 23), The Economist falsely asserted that the US decision to veto Mr. Boutros-Ghali's reclection could be partially explained by the UN's treat-ment of Israel. Understandably, The Economist failed to provide any evidence to support this spurious claim. Furthermore - and most troubling - was the casual and dismissive tone implicit in their snide aside, "[The UN] tries

to be unkind to Israel..." First, "tries" implies a lack of success in an area where many UN member states largely have fulfilled their intentions. Longstanding UN committees and

Sir. - Finance Minister Dan

Meridor wants to save NIS 2 bil-

lion more. Good! One measure in

this direction, that would be an

example to all, popular, and would

not harm anyone, would be to can-

cel the 33 percent wage hike for

MKs, which they do not deserve

anyway. It seems they have forgot-

ten that they are employees of the

people and we are their boss. Since

when does an employee give him-

self a raise without asking his boss

Moreover, most of the time, the

Knesset is almost empty: since

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his job? So, increase the MKs

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Sir. - Thank you, Susan Bellos.

for your article of December 8.

It is a shame for us Jews in the

Jewish State that we behave

loward our non-Jewish fellow-citi-

zens the way the majority of us do.

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"As every child knows,"

#### UTOPIA

Sir, - The midwife of the infamous abortion called the "Oslo Process" has come up with a new blueprint for eternal peace, the so-called "Beilin-Abbas Plan." This new improved formula is teeming with such wonderfully reassuring phrases as "suitable security protection," "additional security arrangements." "warning stations," and the clincher, "demili

tarized Palestinian state," From all indications, it is seems that Beilin can write, but the question is, can he read? Otherwise, how could he have missed the screaming headlines "Palestinians hoarding anti-tank and anti-aircraft missiles"? If the Palestinians were able to acquire such weapons (in gross violation of all agreements), while Israel is in full control of all entry ports and has the right to intercept all suspicious cargo, what same person would trust Israel's security to the future

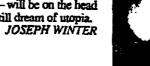
hope that a Palestinian state would

remain "demilitarized"? The "tunnel riots" of late September should have sufficed to prove even to Mr. Beilin the folly of trusting Arafat and the Palestinians to honor agreements. If Mr. Beilin aspires to leadership, he should demonstrate that he can learn from his mistakes instead of compounding them. Should he succeed in implementing his latest plan, the next "tunnel riot" will not be fought with Kalashnikovs, but with missiles and heavy artillery. And the blood of the victims - on both sides of the conflict - will be on the head of those who still dream of utopia.

Toronto:

#### CORRECT TERMINOLOGY

Sir, - In the interest of promoting more accurate reporting, I wish to point out that the caption under the right-hand photograph on page 1 of the issue of December 12 is incorrect. Pistols and rifles fire cartridges. A cartridge is assembled principally of a cartridge case and bullet (plus propeliant and a primer cap). The "bul-let" is the projectile which issues forth from the muzzle of the weapon. The caption should read "A detective points to a cartridge case on



the ground...", and not as it appears. ALFRED J. LAND

Upper Nazareth.



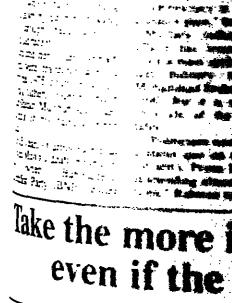
The long and the short of it: Le Thi Ny Dung, from Vietnam, can handle anything at her job in the Tel Aviv Hilton's laundry room - or so she thought. until she came across this item. She could just about fit into one of the pockets of these sweatpants, which belong to Kevin Rankin, a 2.12 metertall basketball player whose team, Ulker Istanbul, was in Tel Aviv last week to take on Maccabi.

#### **POSTSCRIPT**

ARCHBISHOPS AREN'T what they used to be - or at least, their quotes aren't. "Please use a condom,"

Archbishop Tutu said. He was telling South Africans they can't be too too careful if they did not stick to Christian teachings on sex.

Tutu appeared in a TV ad as part of South Africa's campaign to mark World AIDS day.



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Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is flanked by a military escort as she inspects a children's parade in Dhaka on Sunday, the eve of the country's silver jubilee of independence. (Reuzr)

# Bangladesh still struggling after 25 years of independence

A quarter of a century has passed since Bangladesh fought a bloody independing the passed since Bangladesh Bangladesh's first woman prime minister. dence war against Pakistan, but the country has yet to achieve a flawless democracy or desired

As the nation this week celebrates the silver jubilee of independence won on December 16, 1971, a recounting of history and stocktaking of achievements and

failures are under way.

This south Asian country of nearly 120 million people is battling grinding poverty and the legacy of military influence in politics while trying to shore up

its fragile democracy. Only six months in power after her Awami League won a general election for the first time in 21 years, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina-is facing threats by her rivals - not only to topple her government but to kill her.

am facing threats of being killed. But I am not afraid because I have seen my parents and the whole family being gunned down by people seeking power through back doors, Hasina said recently.

Hasina and her sister, Sheikh Rehana, were traveling abroad during the 1975 coup in which Hasina's father, independence leader Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, and most of his family were

The 15 years of army rule that followed Mujib's death ended in when Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) leader

The BNP lost the election last June to Hasina's Awami league, and quickly began a campaign to oust the new government.

The short run of civilian rule has never been free from threats of military takeover or the military's unwritten authority over civil administration, political

analysts say.

Bangladesh had three coups and a series of abortive mutinies between 1975 and 1991 that severely impeded its socio-economic development. Under dictatorial rule, corruption grew, politics was polluted and half the country lived in absolute poverty.

unfortunate Bangladesh is still a fragile democracy after 25 years of independence," said Dr Tareque Shamsur Rahman, a teacher in the Government and Politics department at Jahangir Nagar University.

"Democracy is inching only at a snail's pace," he said.

Military influence in state affairs has lessened somewhat since a mass uprising toppled the last military ruler, Hossain Mohammad Ershad, in December 1990. But it is still strong and criticism of the military is a

"Politicians now seem to prefer a status quo on the question of the army. Prime Minister Hasina is attending almost all army functions," Rahman said.

He and other analysts cited Bangladesh's recent political

Parliamentary democracy is back and the country has recently found a way for peaceful changes of power under a constitutional provision for elections held by

neutral caretaker authority.

Ershad, now in jail, seized power in a bloodless coup in early 1982 from the BNP, a party founded by his predecessor, General Ziaur Rahman, husband of Khaleda Zia.

"The military rulers made many politicians corrupt with money and divided them to perpetuate their rule," one analyst

"But it seems that our politicians are failing to capitalize on new opportunities [under civilian rule]: Growing mistrust between the two main political parties, headed by Khaleda and Hasina, is a constant threat to cy," he said. BNP-Awami League quarrels

have crippled parliament since 1991, first from agitation by the opposition Awami League during the BNP rule, and now by the BNP with the Awami League in

"We could not work in the last two years of our tenure because of the opposition disturbances. We have now been forced to walk out of parliament because Awami League would not let us speak," BNP Secretary-general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan said.

no matter how well paying - can lead to demoralization; while an

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# Romania's Jews seek warm ties with new gov't

The 14,000-strong community may have an ally in attempts to recover properties seized in World War II, Michael Jordan

reports from Bucharest

INCHED between their drive for justice and the specter of an antisemitic backlash, Romania's Jews are seeking to establish warm relations with the new government in Bucharest.

Leaders of this rapidly aging and dwindling community - which now numbers only 14,000 compared to a pre-World War II total of 800,000 - are determined to recover properties seized first by the wartime fascists, then

They also hope for financial assistance for the 1,000 or so Holocaust survivors and political support to counter an active antisemitic

Now they appear to have a strong ally. The center-right coalition of president-elect Emil Constantinescu was swept into office November 17 by vowing to chart a course toward European integration with major democratic and economic reforms.

Lower on the long list of preconditions for joining NATO and the European Union is restitution of nationalized, communal properties confiscated from minorities, including churches, schools and hospitals.

The recently deposed leftist government, led by ex-communist Ion Iliescu, advanced the process slowly amid pressure from the

"This new government wants to get into the EU and NATO and you can't do this if you are chauvinistic and nationalist," said Romanian writer Janos Szasz, an ethnic Hungarian and

"It would be in their best interests to have good relations with all of Romania's ethnic

No one knows this better than the Jewish community. For the past half-century, they have enjoyed a more cozy relationship - some would say too cozy - with their government than perhaps any other Jewish community in Central or Eastern Europe.

Following the Holocaust, during which half of Romania's Jews perished at the hands of Hungarians, Germans and Romanians, the community's survivalist instinct led it to forge close ties with the communist regime. It paid off under the brutal dictator Nicolae

Some 320,000 Jews – many of them reportedly sold for about \$5,000 apiece emigrated to Israel and elsewhere, mostly in the 1970s and '80s. It marked the single largest post-war exodus in Europe until the present wave of aliya from the former Soviet The Jewish community was also allowed to

maintain kosher restaurants, Hebrew classes and a Jewish newspaper. After Ceausescu's execution during the December 1989 coup, Romania's chief rabbi, the venerable Rabbi Moses Rosen, kept relations running smoothly with Iliescu. But today, as always, Jewish leaders here

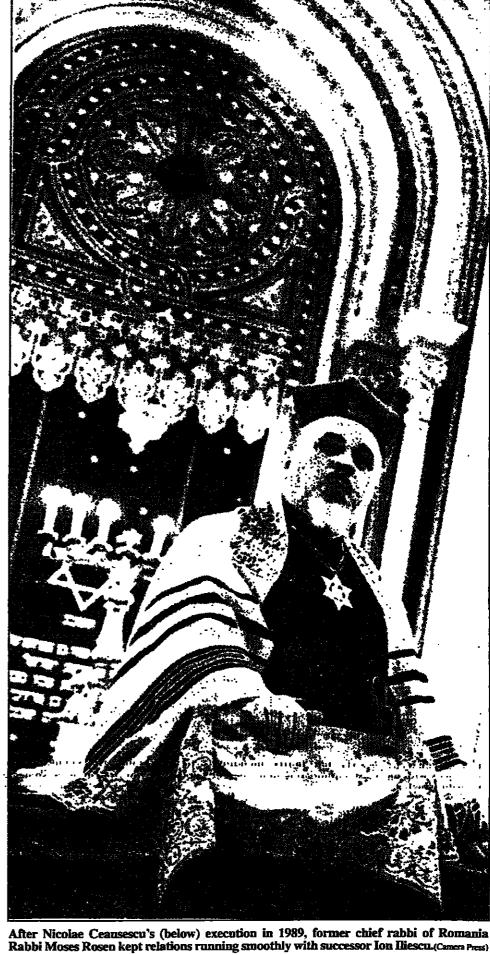
know they must tread carefully. If they are too vocal or ask for what seems to be too much. they worry it will provide more ammunition for extremists.

Throughout the campaign, right-wing newspapers assailed the government for perceived favoritism of the Jewish community. Even the respectable opposition press joined in, alleging that US Ambassador to Romania Alfred Moses, who is Jewish, was working backroom deals with Iliescu on behalf of the

Jewish community.

Iulian Sorin, secretary of the Federation of Romanian Jewish Communities, said it's nearly impossible to put a price tag on all the assets lost.

A total of 510 Jewish communities were wiped out, the only sign they ever existed being the cemeteries that remain. The federation is focusing its efforts on restitution or compensation for the 295 demolished synagogues and expropriated assets including the 165 schools and 31 hospitals or nursing-care



Rabbi Moses Rosen kept relations running smoothly with successor Ion Iliescu.(Camera Press)

"We, as a Jewish community, cannot act in a vacuum; we're in the same boat as the Hungarian, Greek and Turkish minorities. said Sorin, who also heads the Commission for Restitution of Communal Property, representing Romania's 18 ethnic minorities. "If we act with others, we have more power and can be more successful. But if we act alone, it could be the basis for a wave of anti-

semitism. An equally powerful fear is if the government fails to revive the moribund economy and boost the quality of life.

Despite the tiny number of Jews, conspiracy theorists may finger them for blame, particularly the returning Romanian-Jewish emigrés and Israeli businessmen, said Romanian Chief Rabbi Yehezkel Mark, who replaced Rosen last year after the latter's death in

"If the government succeeds, and the citizens of Romania are happier than before." Rabbi Mark said, "there'll be no need for scapegoats."



### Take the more interesting job, even if the pay is less



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money. I also have to give a final reply by the end of the month. How can I settle this dispute within Work Wavering Jerusalem

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another. It then requires genuine

**RUTHIE BLUM** 

examination of which part represents what we really want, and which part represents what we think we should want. This is a hard task, but some-

times the answer can be found in the way the question is formulated. In your case, the description of the options indicates that your true desire lies with the job which pays less money. Because you are in need of the cash, however, your inclination is to lean towards that which you think you should want.

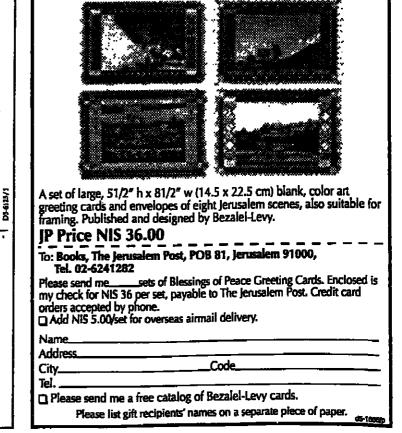
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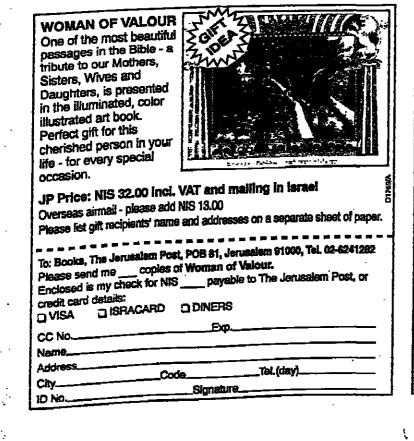
And I Shall Dwell Among Them Historic Synagogues of the World Photographs and commentary by Neil Folberg

For the last three years Neil Folberg, a former student of Ansel Adams, has travelled the world, visiting Jewish communities past and present and photographing both grand-scale and modest synagogues, in places ranging from India to the Czech Republic, to Israel, the American South and the Caribbean. An essay by Yorn Tov Assis focuses on the social and cultural history of the Jews, and Neil Folberg's first-person account of his photographs accompanies each of the chapters, which are divided into geographic regions. A superb full color album, it provides a vibrant window onto the Jewish cultural past. Published by Steimatzky.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

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**BUSINESS BRIEFS** 

received orders to export woolen material to leading wool
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America and Japan. The company amounced the orders for its
Easy Flex product, a material exclusively developed by Polgat. The

Former markets regulator named to head Eyal Securities: Meir

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Shavit, former supervisor of the capital markets, insurance and

Securities. Eyal is a public company with a customer portfolio of about NIS 1 billion. The company's major shareholders include Harel Hamishmar Investments, which controls 80 percent of the stock and Tom Holdings, which controls 17% of the shares.

Polgat gets orders from Pacific, South America: Polgat has

material is already sold to the European and US markets. Polgat forecasts exports of Easy Flex material will reach \$30 million in 1997 compared with exports of \$24m. in 1996 and



many Iraqis since the UN imposed sanctions on the country six years ago. Former teachers, taxi drivers, college students and children now spend days sifting the earth near Baghdad's jewelry district trying to find traces of gold.

(AP)

### Sharon urges building of 'Treasure Islands'

Promises two new urban centers in Negev **DAVID HARRIS** 

Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon yesterday suggested building a string of islands opposite major coastal towns to house hotels, marinas, offices, airports and homes.

Association of Contractors and

by encouraging private-sector investments and joint ventures, Sharon said, the scheme could go ahead. The first islands could be completed within

Iraqi boys pan for gold on the shores of the Tigris River in Baghdad this week. Gold panning has become a way of life for

"These could become your treasure islands," he said. Builders

huge infrastructure projects.

could make big profits from such

with tens of thousands of people

Speaking at a convention of the Builders in Israel, Sharon said the Sharon said. One will soon be islands should be built about one constructed between Kibbutz Lahav and Kibbutz Kramim, with The idea has been raised previ- the other between Metar and ously, only to be dismissed as too Hurvat Yattir. These, together planned for east of Beit Guvrin. will become population centers

### New TA-Jerusalem rail route gets initial okay

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE new route of the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem railway was decided upon this week by the Ports and Railways Authority steering committee. This is only the first stage of approval for the \$390 million project which includes the construction of 40 kilometers of track, 15 km. of which will be through tunnels.

north of Highway 1, via Ben-Gurion Airport, Modi'in, Gurion Airport, Modi'in, Sha'alvim, Ma'aleh Hahamisha and Mevasseret Zion, before arriving at an underground terminal to be built beneath the new Egged bus terminal in Jerusalem.

The line will run from Tel Aviv

Actual travel time will be 28 minutes, but with stops at the stations at Ben-Gurion and Modi'in, the journey will take an extra 5 route will carry some 28,000 passengers each day. Now the authority's planning and construction committee must consider the proposal before it is presented to Sharon and then the government.

The committee examined six other possible routes, including that preferred by National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, almost half of which would have been constructed in the territories. Sharon accepted the decision, saying he will bide by the view of the professionals.

It is anticipated the approved

In addition to the new line, the

existing route would be shortened by 11 km. to 75.6 km, and be officially designated a tourist route.

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# Frenkel, Meridor compromise on multi-year inflation goal

Disagreement on the target for 2001 reasury and the Bank of DAVID HARRIS The major difference

THE Treasury and the Bank of Israel said yesterday they reached a compromise agreement on multiannual inflation targets.

In the past, governments refrained from stringent, long-term

According to the agreement, the government will see to it that the rate of inflation will decrease by the year 2001 to that which prevails "the industrialized states of Europe," according to a joint state-

As for the 1998 rate, it was decided that it will be fixed during the first half of next year, before discussions on that year's budget

begin. Earlier this week, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Finance Minister Dan Meridor, and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel agreed that the 1997 target should be fixed as a range between 7 percent and 10%, compared to this year's 8% to 10%.

Frenkel argued in favor of setting year-by-year targets until 2001, but Meridor opposed that idea. Netanyahu agreed to set a partial, multi-year inflation target on Tuesday night, as a compromise.

TWO years after the National Health

Insurance system went into effect,

ing of the four health funds.

the insurers, he said.

there is a cumulative deficit of over NIS 1 billion.

and next year it will grow to NIS 2.2b., Health Ministry director-general Gabi Barabash said yester-

Barabash addressed the Knesset Labor and Social

Affairs Committee on the proposed Arrangements

Bill, which would cancel the "parallel tax" and bring

in government accountants to supervise the function-

Without such balance, he said, the system will

speed towards economic chaos, and the first victims

will be the waiting lists for medical procedures. The

solution lies in increased efficiency, supervision of

health-fund expenses, and funding arrangements for

The ministry will not cooperate with efficiency

efforts that do not deal with the fundamental financing problems of the health system, Barabash said.

The problem with the health system is not the

Arrangements Bill, he said, but the fundamental

Representatives of the health funds were unani-

mously against the Arrangements Bill, arguing it

between income and expenses," said Barabash.

Ahead of Tuesday's meeting, Meridor told the Jerusalem Post he does not believe the economy is suited to multi-year targets. "Until now Israel has never been able to reduce inflation gradually, but usually in one sharp drop as in 1985 and 1992," said Meridor. "At the moment we have the opportunity to set the 7% to 10% for 1997, because of the contractionary fiscal and monetary policies. If by mid-'97 inflation begins to lower, we may recommend a target for 1998." Following the meeting, the Treasury said Frenkel had accepted

Meridor's view. The belief in the Treasury is that it is impossible to make accurate mid- to long-term predictions, and any such targets should only be set

for the coming year.
Frenkel said he was pleased Netanyahu agreed to a more flexible, long-term approach than had been adopted in previous years. The decision to set the target for next year is also a sign the government realizes inflation must be lowered as soon as possible, said

Ministry of Health: Sick fund

deficit to hit NIS 2.2b. in '97

Insurance Institute.

The major difference remains what the Treasury and the central bank define as "industrial-nation

The type of rate Frenkel wants to see by the turn of the century is similar to those currently found in the UK (2.7%), Germany (1.6%), Spain (3.4%), and the Netherlands (2.5%.)

Inflation this year is running at an average 2.3% in the Group of Seven nations, and 2.7% among the world's other recognized industrial countries, according to the International Monetary Fund. However, the Treasury prefers to

use as a benchmark the much Organization for Cooperation and Economic Development framework, which has an average 4.6% inflation rate. That rate is higher because it includes inflationary economies like Turkey and Hungary.
Fighting inflation will only be

one plank of the government's aims in 1997. Meridor said. Reducing the balance of payments deficit, ensuring stable growth, and absorbing more immigrants, will all feature high on the Treasury's

available for health services, beyond

those brought in as health taxes through the National

Economists note the parallel tax is, effectively, a

fiction and that the government really pays a share of

Due to this criticism, the Treasury now wants to

cancel the so-called tax and increase employers' NII

payments on behalf of workers. But it will mean less

money to cover health services, even if the health

Committee Chairman MK Maxim Levy said, "we

hope the government will sober up and cancel the

Arrangements Bill immediately. A correct distribu-

tion of the burden can bring about the saving of NIS 9b. without hurting the middle class and turning them into the disadvantaged. The finance minister

has begun to realize that he'll have trouble within his

party getting the law through."
The Israel Medical Association, representing over

12,000 physicians, has come out strongly against the

bill, arguing it would intensify the deficits, while

nationalizing the health funds. The Health Ministry

would receive major powers under the law, including the appoinment of health-fund staffers and setting

their constitutions, the IMA said.

the worker's healthcare costs, instead.

### Investment aid funds nearly used up THE Industry and Trade Ministry's 1997 budget for capi-

**Sharansky:** 

tal-investment grants is nearly all committed to projects approved in previous years, leaving little money for new schemes, Industry Minister Natan Sharansky told the Knesset Finance Committee yes-

\$18m. in 1995.

Sharansky said the Investment Center, which allocates capitalinvestment grants, accounts for more than half of the ministry's total budget - NIS 1.9 billion of a total NIS 3.3b.

However, Sharansky said. almost all this money is committed already. Some of the major recipients are Intel, which is slated to receive the first of 10 annual payments of NIS 200m. this year, and the Dead Sea magnesium

One of the ministry's major short of the economy's real needs.

goals for next year is to begin the transition from capital-investment grants toward alternate forms of nvestment aid included in the Gabbai Report, which was unveiled Tuesday. The report recommended grants for training programs, marketing, and research and development. These forms of aid are expected to reach a total NIS 510m. a year in three years. Research and development tops

ministry's Sharansky said. The chief scientist's office, which allocates the ministry's R&D money, has a cash budget of NIS 1.05b. in 1997, and may commit to as much as NIS 1.2b. in additional funds. in additional funds. However, chief scientist Dr. Yehoshua Gleitman, who is also the ministry's acting director-general, said the sum falls NIS 300m.

### El Al denies plans to fire top brass

ELAl yesterday denied that there is to be a purge of senior management staff to cut costs in the light of the company's predicted \$100 million

Company spokesman Nachman Kleiman said it was true that El Al's new director-general, Yoel Feldschuh, had convened middle and senior. company officials at a meeting yesterday, but Kleiman insisted that Feldschuh was merely continuing a custom initiated by former company director Rafi Harley, to periodically appraise the employees of the company's situation.

Kleiman said Feldschuh told the staff that the company must be privatized as soon as possible, despite the fact that it will be finishing the 1996 fiscal year with a loss of some \$100 million.

"Privately owned airlines make money and government-owned airlines lose money," Kleiman quoted Feldschuh as saying.

In an effort to improve its situation, El Al has recently taken on two outside consultants: Prof. Dov Pekelman, for marketing, and Moshe and Shoshana Neuman, to help upgrade the company's image. Pekelman has been asked to reorganize the marketing department, as well as determine new marketing strategies. An internal El Al committee has been set up to implement the recommendations. The Neumans have worked in Israel and abroad in both the commercial and political sectors.

### Japan trade surplus rises for first time in two years

TOKYO (Reuter) - Japan's trade surplus confounded expectations and rose last month for the first time in two years, a development economists said was likely to boost the yen against the dollar.

under-funding of health services.

The Finance Ministry said yesterday that the November trade surplus clicked up a marginal 0.2 percent to 675.19 billion yen (\$5.92 billion) as a weaker yen boosted Japanese exports, especially of cars. The politically sensitive surplus with the United States,

meanwhile, leapt more than 30%, reflecting the increase in automotive exports. Private economists had forecast a hefty drop of around 28%

in the overall surplus, continu-ing the long-standing declining

"It's quite a surprise. It's the first increase in the surplus for two years. It's certainly higher than we expected. Certainly, if anything, it shows the trade surplus is going to be turning around earlier than we expected," said analyst Richard Jerram ING Baring Securities,

The dollar slipped after the figures were released, standing at around 113.50 yen in early

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morning trade against a late remained downward. Some Friday US level of around 113.85 yen, but dealers said reaction was muted. Economists said the yen could strengthen again over time if a rising trend in the surplus is sustained.

The surplus with the United States, often a source of trade friction, surged 31.2% in November from a year earlier to 378.39b. yen (\$3.31b.). A fall in the value of the yen from last year's record highs has steadily out the brakes on the progressive fall in Japan's trade surplus, but economists had not been expecting to see an actual rise so

Car exports, especially to the US, are rising due to the increased competitiveness of Japanese products abroad following the weakening of the yen. A fall in the yen makes Japanese products cheaper in terms of foreign currency.

A Finance Ministry official said the major reason for the rise in the trade surplus with the United States was a 45.7% surge in car exports to the United States, with a fall in imports of aircraft also contributing to the increase in the overall surplus. But the official said the general trend in the trade surplus

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US authorities stance in favor of a strong dollar.
"The US government will start applying some pressure on the Japanese...so the yen's basic trend will be stronger than the current level, that means, maybe

economists, however, said the

sudden reversal heralded a pos-

sible return of trade friction with

the United States and a shift in

below 110 yen," said Masaru Takagi of Fuji Research Institute. Jerram said US carmakers were becoming nervous about a loss of competitiveness. "At the moment there doesn't seem to be any great pressure [for the United States] to take out a big stick and beat Japan on trade, but if the surplus keeps on going up, I'm sure in the New Year you will see a more aggressive stance," he said "I think the crucial thing [for currency levels] is what's going to happen to the direction of the Japanese surplus and what is going to happen in the US if and when interest rates increase... I would have thought the yen will turn around in the middle of the next calendar year," he said.

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#### Four companies seek to raise \$20m. on London's AIM **GALIT LIPKIS BECK**

yesterday said it intends to raise \$20 million for four Israeli hightech companies on London's Alternative Investment Market

The bank said the companies were established three years ago. AIM, which allows for the listing of small companies' securities, has attracted several Israeli firms over

INDUSTRIAL Development Bank the last year. Analysts say the bur-yesterday said it intends to raise geoning market is attractive. because its entry terms are not as stringent as those on Wall Street's

Nasdaq over-the-counter exchange. Several local companies have recently raised capital on the AIM, including G.O. Interactive Media of Givatayim, which raised \$19m. SEA raised (\$3.3m.) and Selector raised (about \$4.6m.)

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# **TASE** shares recover from early losses

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SHARES closed slightly higher yesterday, recovering from early losses, after a rise in medium-

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capitalization stocks, dealers said.

The benchmark Two-sided index of the top 100 shares rose 0.11 percent, or 0.22 points, to 203.26 on all-share turnover of NIS 72 million against NIS 69m.

Tuesday.

The Maof 25 blue chip index gained 0.20% to 211.81.

"The session opened with a mild decline and the indices fell by 0.4%. By midday the trend changed and the market recovsaid Eli Nahum, head of trading at Zannex Securities.

"The big institutional investors

are trying to prevent the market from falling by buying shares," said Michael Weiss of Evergreen Capital Markets, who said most of the activity was concentrated in the medium-capitalization stocks. Elite Industries led the most

actives, rising 3.75% on volume

of NIS 4.7m. Traders said the

share rose following big off-thefloor transactions. Elbit, the main loser on the Maof, fell 3.75% on volume of

only NIS 83,676. Other active shares included Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, which lost 1.25% on volume of NIS 4.3m., and Blue Square Stores, which fell 1% on turnover of NIS 3.2m. (Renter)

### **Eurobourses put aside** concerns on US gains

**WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP** 

LONDON (Reuter) - European bourses made progress yesterday, putting aside their wornies over future prospects for now because of strength in the US market.

Strength in US shares, particularly of computer giant IBM and other recently shaky high technology stocks, provided support.

Share trading in London, Europe's busiest stock market, was spiced with a little takeover bid speculation after news of an agreed £1.27 billion (NIS 6.5b.) bid by US group Entergy for London

The FTSE 100 index of key British shares gained 38.6 points to 4,018.2, topping 4,000 for the first time in five days.

London shares shrugged off news that British November unemploy-

ment fell 95,800 to 1.93 million and retail sales rose 0.7% rather than a forecast 0.5% - strong data that spurred fears of higher interest

French shares held on to their gains to close higher, aided by strength on Wall Street, and traders were moderately optimistic about

further gains.

The CAC-40 share index finished up 25.19 at 2,218.89. German stocks ended bourse dealings with modest gains, also encouraged by Wall Street, a firmer dollar - good news for exporters and weaker-than-expected German

money supply data The 30-share DAX ended floor trade up 5.62 at 2.820.75 but slipped to 2.814.23 in later electronic business

#### Dow up as tech stocks recover WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks rose for the second day in a row yesterday, despite lower bond prices, as investors continued to make yearend adjustments to their port-

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 38.44 at 6,346.77: The

Dow opened higher and climbed

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stock index rose 5.50 to 731.54, and the NYSE's composite index rose 2.40 to 385.17. The Nasdaq composite rose 19.03 to 1,285.35.

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(Continued from Page 1) raise the settlements issue with Levy since its impact can be felt in Jordan. "In Jordan, we feel a grave warning and great danger that threatens our national security in the future."

Kabariti also warned against violence in the territories, believing if this erupts, "maybe Jordan will be the first of the countries that will be harmed."

The Palestinian Authority will not curb the import of Israeli goods into the Palestinian market, PA Economics Minister Mahar al-Masri said last night, even though Israeli goods continue to enter Palestinian territory long past their expiration date.

Masri was speaking in Herzliya at the annual meeting of the Center for Jewish-Arab Economic Development.

Oman's trade representative in Israel, Mohsin al-Balushi, confirmed that although Oman has frozen progress in its diplomatic relations with Israel, economic

relations between the two countries would continue as usual. Meanwhile, United Press International Jerusalem burean chief Paul Shindman said yesterday that the attribution of the

was based on a comedy of errors.
Shindman told The Post that UPI interviewed Bar-Illan on Tuesday and accurately translated from Hebrew into English his statement that President Clinton's description of settlements as "obstacles to peace" was a semantic escalation." "The UPI story went out all over the world

incorrect Bar-Illan quote to UPI

that way," said Shindman. UPI's name got involved in the misunderstanding only because Ha'aretz diplomatic reporter Alouph Ben attributed Bar-Illan's comment to "UP."

It definitely did not come from us," said Shindman.

Dan Izenberg, Liat Collins, and Sue Fishkoff contributed to this report.

(Continued from Page 1) Twenty-three rebels entered the compound at the start of the reception honoring Japanese Emperor Akihito's birthday.

"I heard a loud explosion, then gunfire," said Micko Torii, who was among those released. "We were told to get down and not move. There was a lot of yelling."

BBC correspondent Sally Bowen said in a report after her release that she had been eating and drinking in an elegant marquee on the lawn when the explosions occurred.

"Moments later, heavy gunfire had us all flat out on the ground," she said. "The guerrillas stalked around the residence grounds threatening us: 'Don't lift your heads up or you will be shot."

The rebels threatened earlier yesterday to kill their captives, but gave no deadline.

"We are clear: the liberation of all our comrades, or we die with all the hostages," a rebel told a local radio station in a telephone call from the compound. "If the government does not give in, we will begin to execute them."

# Croft keeps Zimbabwe in check

BULAWAYO (Reuter) - Offspinner Robert Croft and paceman Chris Silverwood, with three caps between them. redeemed a wretched start by England to their inaugural Test against Zimbabwe on yester-

The pair shared five of the wickets as Zimbabwe, 130 for one during the second session, ended the first day at 256 for

Yorkshire seamer Silverwood was smashed for 25 from his first four overs in Test cricket but came back to take the wicket of Grant Flower for 43 after lunch and then removed Guy Whittall (7) when he got a measure of extra bounce with the second new ball just before the

Silverwood finished with two for 50 from 12 overs but it was Croft, in his second Test, who took the major bowling honors. In three spells he tied down all the Zimbabwe batsmen and in the last of those he hauled his side back into the game's con-

That final spell was 12-6-7-2 and included the wickets of Zimbabwe coach Dave Houghton, their most experienced batsman, who was caught behind for 34, and Andy Waller. caught at short leg for 15 in his Test debut at the age of 37.

Croft's control rescued England after Zimbabwe had raced to 109 at lunch for the loss of only Stuart Carlisle, caught at short leg off Darren Gough without scoring.

Zimbabwe captain Alistair Campbell smashed the bowling to all parts before becoming



HOLDING THEIR OWN - England bowler Robert Croft (left) celebrates after Zmbabwean batsman David Honghton was caught by wicket keeper Alec Stewart.

Croft's first victim, slicing a catch to point when he had made a brilliant 84 from 137 balls with 13 boundaries.

Campbell and Grant Flower added 127 for the second wicket, then Houghton and Andy Flower consolidated with a fluent fourth wicket stand of 70.

However, just when it was looking threatening for England - the score was 206 for three -

Croft broke through with an arm ball that bounced more than Houghton anticipated. The Glamorgan off-spinner finished the day with three for 45 from 29 overs.

Wicketkeeper-batsman Andy Flower is now Zimbabwe's main hope of a commanding first innings total, the gritty left-hander having made an unbeaten 58

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Bowling: Darren Gough 21 4 70 1; Allan Mullally 10 3 43 0; Chris Silverwood 13 4 50 2; Robert Croft 29 12 45 3; Phil Tufnell 15 2 46 0.

### Wells signs with the Yankees

NEW YORK (AP) - David Wells and the New York Yankees finally agreed on a \$13.5 million, three-year contract with an option that could be worth up to \$18.55 million over four

Wells, a 33-year-old left-hander, became the Yankees' primary pitching target last Friday after Roger Clemens spurned New York and agreed to a \$24.75 million, three-year contract with the Toronto Blue Jays. New York had been searching for a No. 3 starter since Jimmy Key agreed to a \$7.88 million, two-year deal with Baltimore.

The Boston Red Sox, hunting for pitchers following the departure of Clemens, agreed to a \$700,000, one-year deal with Chris Hammond on Tuesday. A baseball lawyer, speaking on the condition he not be identified, said the Red Sox also were in discussions with the agent for Steve Avery, in a three-year slump since going 18-6 for Atlanta in 1993.

Baltimore, looking to add a bat, was said to Another free-agent hitter, Mike Greenwell, said he planned to spend next season with the Hanshin Tigers, who are coming off a last-

place finish in Japan's Central League. Leo Gomez was placed on unconditional release waivers by the Chicago Cubs, who said the infielder is arranging a contract with the Chunichi Dragons of Japan's Central League. On the trade front, Detroit dealt left-hander Joey Eischen and right-hander Cam Smith to

San Diego for catcher Brian Johnson and righthander Willie Blair. Boston sent left-hander Brian Looney to the Minnesota Twins to complete the August 26 trade for right-hander Pat Mahomes.

In another move, the Kansas City Royals agreed to a minor-league contract with 38year-old left-hander Juan Agosto, who hasn't

pitched in the major leagues since 1993.
Wells was 11-14 with a 5.14 ERA for the Orioles last season. His career high for victories came in 1991, when he was 15-10 for the

Toronto Blue Jays.

David has fulfilled a lifelong dream of becoming a New York Yankee, and he now hopes to have another world championship for New York in 1997," said the pitcher's agent,

Wells gets a \$500,000 signing bonus, \$3 million in 1997. \$4 million in 1998 and \$4.5 mu lion in 1999. The Yankees have a \$4.5 million option for 2000, but must pay a \$1.5 million buyout if they don't exercise it.

He can earn up to \$18.55 million over four years if the Yankees exercise the option and he makes 30 starts and pitches 190 innings per

"Hopefully David Wells will pitch against everybody else the way he pitched against us," Yankees manager Joe Torre said Monday.

Hammond, who will be 31 when the season starts, was 5-8 with a 6.56 ERA last season with the Marlins and made \$1.6 million. Florida gave up its rights after the season, saying it would be interested in re-signing him at a lower price. His contract with Boston has \$375,000 in

performance bonnses, and he would get the full amount if he makes 30 starts. In Eischen, San Diego hopes to bolster its lack of left-handed relief pitching. Eischen,

26, has been with five organizations in his major league career, including four in the past Johnson's biggest drawback was his defense. A former quarterback at Stanford who spent two-and-a-half seasons with the Padres after

being drafted from the New York Yankees orga-

nization in 1991, Johnson threw out only 17 pernt Of runners attempting to steal last season. "I've always been proud to be part of the (Padres') organization, but I haven't been really happy," said Johnson, who hit 272 with eight homers and 35 RBIs in 243 at-bats last season. "Last year was kind of bittersweet for me because I enjoyed winning, but I felt a little

#### Woods wins SI's Sportsman of **Year honor**

ORLANDO (Renter) - Tiger Woods, who has taken the golf world by storm at the age of 20, was named Tuesday the 1996 Sports Illustrated Sportsman of

Woods, whose given name is Eldrick, won an unprecedented third consecutive US Amateur Championship in Angust. The long-hitting Woods then huned professional and stunned the tour with two victories in his first seven starts.

Woods, who is part black and nart Thai and has stirred minority interest in golf, also won the NCAA Championship college tournament title this season while a Stanford stu-

Woods first picked up a golf club at six months old.

# National hoop squad has Georgia on its mind

ARYEH DEAN COHEN

ON paper, there's no reason why the national basketball squad shouldn't demolish Georgia tonight at Hadar Yosef (Channel 1, 8:45 pm). But that's just what worries coach Zvi Sherf going into the important game for Israel, which is seeking to improve its 4-3 record and chances to make the European Championships in Spain next July. After all, on paper, there was no

reason for the Georgians to give Israel all it could handle in Tbilisi in November, 1995. But that's exactly what hap-

pened, as the Georgians used their favorite weapon - the three-point shot - to lead almost the entire first half, at one point by as much as 34-23.

Only a valiant comeback paced by Doron Jamchee (26 points) and Nadav Henefeld (18) saved the day as Israel pulled out an 89-84

Vladimir Stefania (2.12 meters) is the Georgians' main threat, a center/power forward who has a nice touch from the outside. Point guard George Sandadza and shooting guard Ravaz Chackidza are also considered dangerous.

The good news for Sherf is that the national club excelled against a Slovakian club that boasted a similar penchant for three-pointers when the two teams met last month. Israel used a potent fast break to demolish the Slovaks 99-71, and if the Georgians play a similar game, the faster Israelis should have an easy time of it.

Sherf will likely open with Jamchee, Henefeld, Doron Sheffer, Opher Fleischer and Motti Daniel. Uri Cohen-Mintz may be called on to add some size 40 underneath, although the final 10 players to suit up will only be decided today.

Tonight's game is important so that Israel keeps pace with Bosnia, which is on the road in Greece.
The two clubs are likely to face off in a showdown in Berlin on January 29 which is likely to determine which of them earns a trip to Spain next summer.

The Georgians still have a mathematical chance, but based on their performance vs. Slovakia three weeks ago, Sherf's charges should quickly put his mind at rest, and earn an easy victory.

### **Bnei Yehuda reaches Toto Cup semifinals**

**DEREK FATTAL** 

BNEI Yehuda became the fourth and last side to secure a place in the semifinals of the Toto Cup last night, in an exciting 2-2 draw at Teddy Stadium against National League leaders Betar Jerusalem. Although Betar ended with the

same points tally as Bnei Yehuda, a draw was good enough for the Hatikva Quarter side to advance on goal difference as Group 3 leaders. They will meet Maccabi Tel Aviv in the semifinals on February 11. Bnei Yehuda came out with all guns blazing in the first half against a Betar side weakened by the suspension of Itzik Zohar. Alon Mizrahi hit the visitor's opening

some fine goalkeeping to deny. Hungarian Istvan Pishont at the other end of the park as the Jerusalemites searched for a riposte. Mizrahi struck again just before the break to further dampen the spirits of the Betar supporters who made up the lion's share of the

Eli Cohen managed to woo his charges into fighting mood during the interval, and Betar came out of the tunnel itching to get back in the

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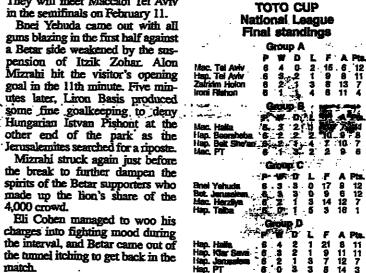
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4.000 crowd.

Eli Ohana supplied the magic touch to pull a goal back for Betar in the 74th minute, and following a transgression on David Amsalem the veteran foward equalized in the 84th minute.

Nevertheless Bnci Yehnda's dogged determination kept the Jerusalemites at bay until referee Danny Koren blew the final whistle.



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### Grizzlies bring Rockets down to earth VANCOUVER (Reuter) - Bryant

Reeves hit a 10-footer with 5.8 seconds left to vault the lowly Vancouver Grizzlies to a 93-92 upset over the Midwest-leading Houston Rockets. "This is the biggest win we

could get," Reeves said. Vancouver, paced by rookie Shareef Abdur-Rahim's 22 points, improved to 5-20. Hakeem Olaiuwon's turnaround

iumper at the buzzer from the left baseline failed to hit the rim. "This is the nature of the game, this is the NBA," said Olajuwon, who had 23 points and 14 rebounds for Houston (21-3). "Five players for each team.

and you have to respect that tal-The Rockets played without star forward Charles Barkley, who missed his second game with a

sprained right ankle. **Buils 129, Lakers 123** Toni Kukoc led a ferocious

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Bulls' charge from a 22-point

deficit as host Chicago rallied to score an overtime win over the Los Angeles Lakers and Shaquille O'Neal in a showdown of division

> Kukoc bombed away from long range to score 20 of his seasonhigh 31 points in the fourth quarter and overtime while the Bulls applied stifling defensive pres-sure, holding O'Neal without a point for the final 23 minutes.

"We didn't quit," said Kukoc. "We hustled every play until the

Scottie Pippen scored 35 points and Michael Jordan added 30 for the Bulls. Nick Van Exel scored 36 points to lead the Lakers, who There's a lot of talent on the floor were on fire until the tide-turning last quarter.

They came back in the fourth quarter and put a lot of pressure on us," Van Exel said. "I didn't handie the ball well and that is what hurt us. To have this game and lose it is very tough, this one will sting for a while."

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in the fourth quarter, mounted a final push after trailing by 13 with 4:50 to play. The Bulls pulled into a 114-114

tie on a three-pointer by Kukoc with 47 seconds left. The Lakers (18-8) took the lead 33 seconds later on a drive by Van Exel, but Kukoc made two free throws with seven seconds left to force A three-pointer by Kukoc with

1:37 remaining in overtime gave the NBA champions their first lead of the game, 123-121. Kukoe stepped up for lordan, who shot 10-of-32 from the field.

O'Neal had 27 points and 13 rebounds, but did not score after making a 12-footer with 6:57 left in the third quarter. "Toni surprises everyone including me," said Chicago (21-3) coach Phil Jackson. "He is the

Raptors 97, Nets 88
Walt Williams scored 24 points and Damon

streakiest player in the NBA. He is

the best player at running hot and cold. Without his hot hand tonight

Knicks 99, Jazz 94

Chris Childs scored 24 points,

including a tie-breaking, three-

pointer with 30 seconds to go to

give the Knicks their seventh

after halftime, broke a 94-94 tie

with his long-range jumper. After a Utah miss, Childs was fouled

and sank two free throws to ice

Childs, who scored 22 points

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Stoudamire scored 14 of his 17 in the fourth quarter as Toronto snapped a four-game losing streak and won its first road game this

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LONDON (Reuter) - Two goals from Stan Collymore helped Liverpool clamber to the top of the Premier League with a 4-2 victory on Tuesday which condemned Collymore's former club Nottingham Forest to the bottom of the table.

Collymore, back in the first team after a frustrating spell on the bench early this season, opened the scoring after six minutes before England striker Robbie Fowler extended Liverpool's lead with his fifth goal in four days, adding to the four he put past Middlesbrough on Saturday.

Kevin Campbell scrambled a

goal back before the break but his teammate Des Lyttle then canceled it out with a headed owngoal to restore Liverpool's twogoal cushion England veteran Stuart Pearce briefly raised his side's hopes of

salvaging a point with a thundering free-kick on the hour but Collymore scored his second and Liverpool's fourth a couple of minutes later. Roy Evans's side now heads the table by two points from Arsenal

and three points from Wimbledon, both of who have a game in hand. Fourth-placed Newcastle failed to make up ground on the top three when the team lost 2-1 at Coventry, bottom of the table before start of play.

Kevin Keegan's side was stung by two goals in the first half hour and, although Alan Shearer pulled them back into the game in the second-half, Coventry held on to claim a crucial victory which takes the team above Forest in the

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS: Premier League: Sheffield Wednesday 1, Manchester United 1 League Cup( fourth round, replays): Southsunpton 3, Oxford United 2; ockport 2, West Ham 1

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#### CRITIC'S CHOICE

**CLASSICAL MUSIC** 

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's 60th anniversary celebrations continue tonight (8:30) at the Mann Anditorium in Tel Aviv with a recital presented by Itzhak Periman and Pinchas Zukerman, with pianist Yefim Bronfman playing music by Bach, Mozart and others. Saturday night, at the same time and same locale, the IPO's honorary guest conductor, Kurt Masur, leads the orchestra in an all-Mendelssohn program featuring the Fourth ("Italian") Symphony, excerpts from A Midsummer Night's Dream, and the Violin Concerto with Perlman as soloist.

The New Israeli Vocal Ensemble and the Academia Daniel perform two short masses by Bach, Saturday at the Tel Aviv Museum (8:30). The Israel Music Conservatory in Tel Aviv opens its chamber-music series, which is devoted this year above all to Brahms. Saturday (8:30) with a program comprising piano quartets by Mozart and Brahms.

Pianist Natasha Tadson presents a recital of music by Mozart, Schumann, Scriabin and Rachmaninoff, Saturday (8:30) in Ashdod as part of the local piano series.

The Hillel Hebrew University Orchestra plays Schubert's Unfinished Symphony and the overture to Weber's Der Freischütz, under the baton of Anita Kamien, while

Emil Israel Chudnovsky plays the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto Saturday (8:30) at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem.

#### TELEVISION

CAFE Paris, a new 13-part series starting tonight, looks promising. The series revolves around an old-established neighborhood cafe in Tel Aviv. The proprietor, Esther, discovers that her own daughter is trying to finish the cafe off. Their conflict is exacerbated by the opening of a new, stylish cafe around the corner.

The series features original music by Meir Banai and stars Alon Reinhorn, Uri Banai, Sharon Alexander, Dana Raz and many others. Directed by Amnon Rubinstein. Thursdays on the Family Channel at 8:50. Elana Chipman

ITZHAK Perlman plays the Brahms Violin Concerto with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of Daniel Barenboim tonight (10) and tomorrow (6) on Channel 8. The performance is followed by the same composer's Second Symphony played by the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra under Carlos Kleiber.

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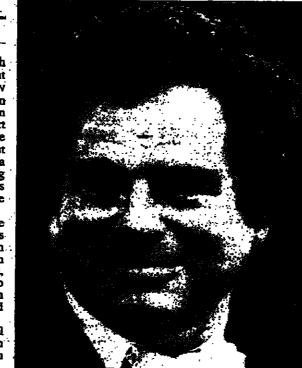
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Itzhak Perlman plays live tonight and Saturday, and can be heard on TV tonight and tomorrow.

THE Czech film Don Gio depicts a modern production of Mozart's Don Giovanni, in which art and reality become mingled.

This very modern interpretation is somewhat coarse but there are surprises by the minute. Saturday (11:30 p.m.) on Channel 8. Michael Ajzenstadt

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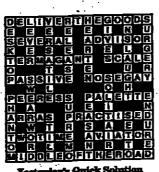
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22:00 Long Day Closes (1992) – auto-biographical work by director Terence Devies about growing up in working-class Liverpool in the '50s. (79 mins.) 23:40 Documentary of the Dead (1989) – biography of horror film director George Romero, maker of Night of the Living Dead (84 mins.)

#### DISCOVERY (8)

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6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 The Ticket 7:30 NBC News with Tom Brokaw 8:00 Today 10:00 Wall Street Morning Reports 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:30 Wall Street Morning Reports 16:00 MSNBC – The Site 18:00 National Geographic 19:00 Executive Lifestyles 19:30 The Ticket 20:00 The Selina Scott Show 21:00 Dateline 23:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 00:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien 1:00 Later with Greg Kinnear 1:30 NBC News with Tom Brokaw 2:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 3:00 MSNBC – Internight

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#### **EUROSPORT**

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10:30 Swimming: European
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#### **■ PRIME SPORTS**

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#### E CNN INTERNATIONAL

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#### SKY NEWS

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#### RADIO

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6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Mozart:
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Mahler: Symphony no 4 (Popp/Cologne RSO/Bertini) 12:00 Noon with Gideon Hod – familiar music and quiz 14:06
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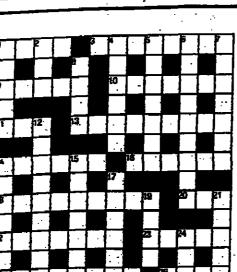
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# 3 Peres loyalists pledge to support Barak

MICHAL YUDELMAN

THREE MKs of Labor leader Shimon Peres's camp are expected to announce soon that they support MK Ehud Barak's bid for the party

The three are Dalia Itzik, Rafi Elul and Rafi Oshaya.

Itzik said in an interview on Erev Hadash Tuesday that she has not made up her mind yet which candidate to support and is having meetings with all of them. She said she has already met MKs Efraim Sneh and Yossi Beilin, but has not met Barak.

Itzik admitted, however, that Barak is an excellent candidate. Maybe I am on my way towards him. I don't know yet. I may not decide to support anyone right

"I admire and worship Peres," she said. "I think he is a wonderful leader. His decision not to contend for leadership is very difficult for me to accept and I'm still in a process of formulating my opin-

MK Uzi Baram intends to announce at the end of the month whether he will contend for Labor's leadership.or join Barak's camp, perhaps as his deputy. Baram, who has been holding regular, lengthy meetings with Barak at the Knesset,

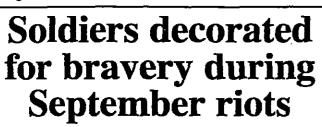
said over the weekend that contrary to the opinion of some party members, "Barak is not at all like Bibi." Nevertheless, the Barak-Baram team is jokingly dubbed in the party as "the B.B. force."

Baram, who enjoys considerable support in the Arab sector, is being urged by Arab activists in Labor join Barak rather than run for leadership himself. Arab figures are telling him "victory is the main yesterday's Ha'aretz reported. Baram said he was surprised by this and estimated the Arab sector has undergone a deep change in its way of thinking. because of the tremendous blow they received from Netanyahu."

Three other MKs who supported Peres, Eli Ben-Menahem, Salah Tarif and Shalom Simhon, have ioined Barak.

Meanwhile, Peres is trying to persuade MKs who support him to transfer their support to MK Yossi Beilin for the party's leadership. rather than Barak.

MK Yael Dayan, who formerly said she would help Beilin in the primaries, said this week she supports Barak. Dayan also urged Barak and MK Haim Ramon to get together to form a "winning



THE Southern Command decorated four officers and a sergeant yesterday for their brave and professional actions during September's bloody clashes with Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

OC South Maj.-Gen. Shlomo Yani handed out citations to the five men at a ceremony at the Southern Command headquarters near Beersheba, attended by their families and fellow soldiers.

"I am very proud of my son. He is very conscientious and responsīble," said Jack Katzenel, whose son Lt. Ehud Katzenel received a citation for his treatment of wounded soldiers during the firefight at Netzarim Junction Seotember 24.

Katzenel, who immigrated from Glasgow, Scotland, said his son, a doctor in a Givati battalion, had never been in battle before, but didn't hesitate to treat the soldiers wounded about him.

"His medic had been hit in the head. He had never been under fire before and rushed to the APC to give emergency treatment," Katzenel said. "He then was told of another wounded soldier in the observation tower and he ran up the tower, bullets singing around him, and found the man there badly bleeding. Both wounded men had been hit by snipers."

Lt. Katzenel was cited for his incident has made him older and more mature. The experience affects people in that way," said the elder Katzenel, a reporter for a

Maj. Mustafa Didan, who took over as acting commander of liaison with the Palestinians after his commander was severely wounded. He is credited with calming the tensions and mediating a ceasefire "under fire and at great risk to

cited for his leadership, professionalism and command of his company at the Netzarim Junction during the riots. Platoon commander 1st. Lt. Dan Talmi was also recognized for his leadership and control at his Gaza Strip outpost.

soldiers under fire while he himself also was wounded.

#### Ne'eman trial set for next month

THE trial of former justice minister Ya'acov Ne'eman will begin on January 29 in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court. Three judges will hear the case. Ne'eman is accused of perjury and obstructing justice.

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treating the wounded while under fire with professionalism and presence of mind. "I have this feeling that he looks very young, but this

foreign news agency. Others receiving citations were

"His determination to reach a solution by sticking to the mission aided greatly to calming the situation and preventing its escalation,"

his citation said. Givati Capt. Yuval Winkler was

Company medic 1st Sgt. Meir Yamini was given a citation for treating and evacuating wounded

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York, requesting the suspension.



Members of the IDF's missing soldiers unit yesterday interview persons who were in the vicinity of Tzrifin base on September 9, when soldier Sharon Edri disappeared. Last night police announced that a taxi driver had come forward and testified he had seen Edri waiting for a ride at the roadside that night.

### Labor negotiations at Haifa Chemicals break down

NEGOTIATIONS between management and workers of the troubled Haifa Chemicals factory broke down yesterday only a few hours after they resumed, once again raising the level of

tension at the bayside plant. The talks broke up after representatives of the works committees demanded that management reduce the number of security guards at

This followed the riots on Monday night in which eight workers were injured in clashes with security guards hired by management to ensure the transport of ammonia from the factory's wharf to the Haifa Chemicals plant in the south, near Beersheba.

Management refused the works committee's demands and the negotiations folded, although Histadrut officials expressed hope they would

Yesterday the Histadrut announced it would

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beginning Sunday morning if the dispute is not settled by then.

At an emergency meeting called by the Histadrut in Tel Aviv, attended by all the works committees involved in the chemicals industry, it was decided that trains would not carry raw materials to the plant, plants would not supply the materials, and dock workers would not unload materials for the plant. There are plans to hold a demonstration Sunday at Haifa Chemicals' plant in the South aimed at preventing the transfer of materials out of the

Baruch Zaltz, head of the Histadrut's Haifa and district branch, met with representatives of works committees at factories in the South yesterday to discuss plans for paralyzing the Haifa Chemicals plant there in the event of a stalemate in the talks with management of the bay-

side factory.

The Histadrut is also demanding details of the decision by the Trade and Industry Ministry's investment center to grant \$5 million to help expand the Haifa Chemicals factory in the South.

Zaltz said that if the details were not forthcoming, the Histadrut would petition the High Court of Justice to cancel the decision. He revealed that the Histadrut is also con-

sidering hiring security guards to protect the striking workers at the Haifa bayside factory, if the deadlock in the negotiations con-

The workers, backed by the Histadrut, are pressing for a new collective labor agreement. Management wants to annul the agreement in order to implement sweeping changes, including cutting the 500-strong workforce by over 100 employees, to enable the company to com-

### **Holocaust survivors ask United States** to suspend Swiss bank licenses

HOLOCAUST survivors, already three major Swiss banks, have called on the Federal Reserve to suspend the banks' licenses in the US, saying the banks violated international law.

The group of survivors asked the Federal Reserve to immediately suspend the banks' American operations pending a full investigation of the banks' "complicity with the Nazi regime and their continued delay and obfuscation" regarding dormant Holocaust-era accounts. said Richard Lewis, an attorney with the Washington law firm of

Cohen, Milstein, Hausfeld & Toll. "No banking institution should be permitted the privilege of conducting business in this country which has committed and participated in the commission of violations of international law," said a letter to William McDonough, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New

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Although Switzerland has now acknowledged some misconduct, Their present scrambling cannot and should not obviate the imposition of sanctions for their unlawful behavior," the Cohen, Milstein let-

ter said. The firm is representing a group of survivors who in October filed a class action lawsuit in US federal court against the three largest Swiss banks - Union Bank of Switzerland, Swiss Bank Corporation and Credit Suisse.

The [wartime] acts of these banks, yet to be fully disclosed. should not be condoned by US banking regulation. To do so perpetuates an injustice to US citizens who were victims of the Holocaust," the firm said in a letter.

There was no immediate comment from the Federal Reserve, which regulates the US banking industry, or from the attorneys representing the Swiss banks.

The legal wrangling is occurring as the World Jewish Restitution Organization is seeking an unspecified financial settlement with the Swiss. However, the lawsuit overshadows the private Swiss banks-lewish negotiations, and a federal judge could block any settlement between the WJRO and the banks until the lawsuit is

resolved, observers said yesterday. "A deal between the banks and the [WJRO] doesn't make the litigation go away," said one observer, who declined to be named.

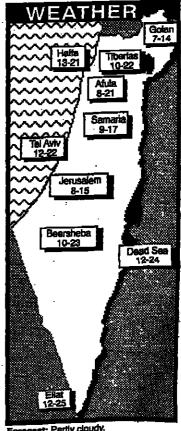
Meanwhile, a committee, led by former Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker, is overseeing an audit of the dormant accounts in Swiss banks. That audit has a mandate negotiated by the bankers and the WJRO.

"The Volcker Committee is very important and serves an important function," Lewis told The However, he said, the mandate is limited in scope and says nothing about how to satisfy claims.

Six Swiss banks operate in the US, according to recent testimony in Congress by the Swiss Bankers Association. These banks employ 6,000 people and paid more than \$100 million in US taxes in 1994. Switzerland professed to be neu-

tral during World War II, but "it failed abysmally in its behavior," the firm's letter said. In addition, during the war, Swiss banks transferred funds to New York and refused to disclose the depositors' names, effectively cloaking the funds, in violation of US law, the letter said.

There were two class-action suits filed in US federal court in October against the banks. The Cohen, Milstein suit contends that the banks illegally conspired and collaborated with the Nazis by hiding, cloaking, liquidating and laundering looted assets.





Winning cards

In yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the eight of spades, the seven of hearts, the king of diamonds and the 10 of clubs.

#### **Opposition** MKs lash Netanyahu's first half year

THE Knesset marked six months of Binyamin Netanyahu's government with a blistering attack from

There were seven motions to the agenda in the Knesset plenum, with titles like: "Half a year of worrying amateurism" (Ehud Barak, Labor) and "deterioration in all spheres" (Anat Maor, Meretz). Each motion was answered sep-

arately. Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbì made his own counterat-

Hanegbi said the question should be how the government compared to that of the six months preceding its accession. "Let's take the diplomatic process as a test. I can sum up what happened in this field (in the final months of Shimon Peres's leadership] as 'nothing.' No agreements were made, no developments made, everything was stuck. It was not blessed with even the most miserly achievement,"

Hangebi said. He said there had been no rogress with Syria; Peres had failed to carry out the Hebron agreement; the closure of the territories had been enforced; and Operation Grapes of Wrath had forced Galilee residents to leave their homes without achieving anything in return.

Hanegbi said the Western Wall Tunnel had been operated and developed under the Labor government. "Didn't you intend to ultimately make the [new] exit?" he said. He also said all US administra-

tions since 1967 had opposed settlements - even under Labor Uzi Baram (Labor) described

Netanyahu as leading the country to war. "Bibi Netanyahu is a political car crash on the road to peace," Baram said. Baram again raised the Western

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Ribi is dangerous for terms, but Bibi is dangerous for Israel. What happened this week in the relations between the prime minister and the security establishment, particularly the General Security Service, is a security risk to the State of Israel."

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innocent NAHUM Korman pleaded inno-

manslaughter in the death of an 11-year-old Palestinian boy he chased after an October stonethrowing incident. Korman, the security officer of Hadar-Beitar, entered the plea at the beginning of his trial yesterday in

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